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ABSTRACT

This guide to services in South Carolina for people with severe disabilities is divided into seven sections. Section 1 covers the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DSN) and includes information on how to access services, services offered by DSN boards, addresses of DSN board members, services and offices of the autism division, prevention and genetic services, and developmental evaluations. Section 2 is on other state government agencies that provide services to people with disabilities and special needs. Among these are school districts, county mental health offices, the Governor's office, and assistive technology services. Section 3 provides an alphabetical list of services and organizations by service need and includes addresses, phone numbers and fax numbers. Section 4 offers an alphabetical list of South Carolina support group organizations, their addresses, phone numbers, and fax numbers. Section 5 lists additional resources such as toll-free telephone numbers, publications for consumers, foundations and fund-raising organizations, and organizations for professionals. Section 6 is an index by subject and Section 7 an index by title. (DB)

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Dear Fellow Citizen:

Enclosed for your information is the 1997 edition of Practical Guide to Services. It is information designed to be of assistance to individuals with disabilities and special needs, their families and for professionals who work with them. It is published each year by the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.

This guide is a resource of services, information and support groups for people with autism, brain injuries, spinal cord injuries and similar physical disabilities, and mental retardation and related disabilities. It also is a convenient reference for chambers of commerce, health care providers, public schools, public libraries, government agencies and other organizations that help people with severe, lifelong disabilities and special needs find services in their local communities.

I believe you will find Practical Guide to Services instrumental in helping access information, supports and services that will benefit you, your family and those with whom you work.

Sincerely,

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- the agency's organization
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- services offered by local DSN boards
- central office's, regional offices' and regional centers' addresses and phone numbers
- regional map
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- autism division services and offices
- head and spinal cord injury division services
- prevention and genetic services
- developmental evaluations

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- other government service agencies
- services offered by the Governor's office
- preventing disabilities

Section III — Services/Resources
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_____

Address: _____

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Telephone: _____

Toll-Free Telephone: _____

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SECTION I

SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

The SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) was created July 1, 1993 by combining the SC Department of Mental Retardation with programs for individuals with autism. New responsibilities also were added to provide services for survivors of brain and spinal cord injuries. Now DDSN provides services to people with autism; brain injuries, spinal cord injuries and similar disabilities; and mental retardation and related disabilities.

The needs of people with disabilities mirror the needs of people in the general community. People with disabilities routinely need many of the services that other state agencies provide to people without disabilities. While DDSN provides services that address disability issues, the state recognizes that people with disabilities may need the same services that all South Carolinians have a right to receive, such as educational services, medical services, mental health services, social services, public health services, housing and other services.

Additionally, people with disabilities usually have needs that go beyond the services normally provided by other state agencies. They may need unique, specialized services provided by various disability experts. The specialized disability services supplement and enhance, not replace, services provided by other agencies.

A person with disabilities receiving services from DDSN and other agencies may need help coordinating services among the agencies. Responsively, DDSN advocates on behalf of all citizens with disabilities and special needs to ensure that their needs are addressed by appropriate state, federal and local agencies. The agency works with other agencies to tailor a comprehensive and practical service plan for every person served. Each disabilities and special needs (DSN) board employs service coordinators to establish and monitor the service plan. The service coordinator arranges and combines an array of disability services in concert with services provided by other agencies. More importantly, the service coordinator also serves consumers and families as the single point of entry into the disabilities system and as a continuing contact person and advocate.

Organization

DDSN is governed by a seven-member commission appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate. A commission member is appointed from each of the six Congressional districts and one member is appointed from the state at-large. The commission is the agency's governing body and provides general policy direction and guidance.

The state director is the agency's chief executive. Appointed by the commission, the director has jurisdiction over the central administrative office as well as each of the agency's three divisions, four regional centers and all services provided through contracts with local DSN boards (see page 13).

DDSN's central office is in Columbia. Deputy state directors oversee four key areas: Services and Supports, Regional Centers, Fiscal Management and Administrative Services.

Services and Supports

Three divisions comprise the Services and Supports area: Autism, Head and Spinal Cord Injury, and Mental Retardation (see pages 30, 32 and 7, respectively).

Regional Centers

Four regional residential centers provide 24-hour residential care in an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR). Each regional center is managed by a facility director (see page 10).

Local Disabilities and Special Needs Boards

The Disabilities and Special Needs (DSN) board in each county (or multiple-county cluster) serves as the single planning and service coordination point for all local services funded by DDSN.

The DSN board is responsible for developing a local service plan and supervising service coordination. Although most DSN boards deliver services directly, some arrange for specific services to be delivered by other community organizations. Just as DDSN is responsible for promoting and coordinating other state agency efforts on behalf of people with disabilities and special needs, local DSN boards are responsible for developing and coordinating services and funds from local agencies. This system permits people with disabilities and special needs to remain in their own homes or, if this is not possible, to live in a family-like setting in their communities (see page 7).

Service Coordination

Under contract with DDSN, each DSN board operates a service coordination program. Service coordination is the single entry point into DDSN's service system for people with disabilities and special needs. Service coordinators work with individuals and/or their families to identify needs and develop a plan of services to meet those needs. DDSN services are coordinated with those of other agencies, such as local education, health and social service agencies, and community mental health centers.

Service coordinators do everything possible to provide and coordinate services for citizens who need them. While citizens may receive services from more than one agency and may move from one type of service to another as needs change, service coordinators ensure that services are adequately provided to each person (see page 7).

Funding

Programs for people with disabilities and special needs are funded through state, federal and local governments. State funding is a key to both federal and local resources. DDSN makes every effort to ensure that government leaders are well-informed about needs of people with disabilities and special needs at every level.

Local county and municipal governments benefit from jobs and dollars spent in communities for DDSN programs through economic activity and local revenue. DDSN encourages local governments to share financial responsibility for providing services to local citizens, and at the same time assures services are equally available statewide.

Local DSN boards are encouraged to develop foundations and other organizations, solicit donations and provide volunteer services (see page 13).

Families

Consumers and family members play a critical role in the service delivery system and in evaluating the effectiveness of that system. Each DSN board and regional residential center is required to have a consumer/family organization and to have a process for consumers and families to participate as advocates for service recipients and to review and monitor programs (see page 13).

Accessing Services

Applying for Services

To apply for services, families of people with disabilities and special needs should contact their DSN board (see page 13). The individual will be assigned a service coordinator, who will arrange evaluation and planning for services.

The evaluation and planning process determines if a person is eligible for services, which services are needed and how they will be provided.

If the applicant is eligible, the service coordinator will help arrange appropriate services. If the person is not eligible for services, the service coordinator will refer them to other resources.

Advocacy

The interest and welfare of people with autism, brain or spinal cord injuries, and mental retardation or related disabilities is the mutual responsibility of individuals, their families, local DSN boards, service providers and DDSN. The agency encourages consumers and families to advocate for people with disabilities to ensure that they have access to appropriate services from all public agencies and that the services they receive meet acceptable standards of quality.

The agency also encourages consumer and family involvement in all aspects of each individual's service plan. The consumer and family are invited to participate in developing and implementing the individual service plan.

DDSN's consumer affairs advocate ensures that individuals served by the agency receive quality care and treatment. The consumer affairs advocate also helps solve immediate concerns within the service delivery system, prevents problems from occurring in similar situations and acts as liaison to other advocacy agencies and organizations.

For more information, contact your local DSN board, regional center, regional office or the following:

Advocate for Consumer Affairs
SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-6345
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
1-888-DSN-INFO (376-4636)

Health Insurance

Group Policies

Many people with autism, mental retardation, or brain or spinal cord injuries are included in group health insurance policies. Each of these policies is a contract between a group (usually a family member's employer) and an insurance company.

People with disabilities can't be excluded from group policies as a class or category, but they may have pre-existing conditions that can be excluded from the policy's coverage. Pre-existing conditions are health conditions known to applicants 12 months before enrolling in an insurance plan. These conditions may be excluded from coverage for one year, but should be covered after that time period.

Group policies may also limit coverage for certain health care services, but limits must be the same for all individuals in the group. For example, policies may or may not cover payment for speech therapy, but they must pay speech therapy claims for all eligible individuals if the service is covered.

Group policies can't "drop" people with disabilities from coverage due to claims experience, but their claims can affect those paid to other family members if policies have family limits.

Families should contact their insurance provider (employer) or insurance company if they have questions about group policies (see Section III, page 57).

Individual Policies

People with disabilities may also be covered under individual health insurance policies. Rates for these policies can't be raised because of claims history. Rates are based on a broad range of activities for a particular type of coverage, and increases must be approved by the SC Department of Insurance.

The Department of Insurance answers questions and files complaints about individual policies. Questions are handled through the forms and rates office (803-737-6240), and complaints are handled through the consumer assistance office (803-737-6160).

Services provided by DDSN are subsidized by payment from private health insurance companies and federal funds.

If individuals have private health insurance, DDSN will bill their insurance company for the following services:

- Residential care in regional centers or community residential homes;
- Services provided by DDSN physicians and those under contract with the agency;
- Hospital stays, supplies and procedures; and
- Psychological testing and evaluations included in the diagnostic and evaluation process.

Some individuals with disabilities also may have health coverage through the Medicaid program. If the individual's private insurance company does not pay a bill or a portion of a bill, DDSN will bill Medicaid for the unpaid amount. The agency will not bill individuals or their families for unpaid portions of insurance bills.

Medicaid provides half of DDSN's funding for services and supports. The agency will jeopardize this source of funding if health care services are not billed first to private health insurance companies.

Insurance payments are kept by DDSN and budgeted to expand services and supports. Physicians and other individuals who provide health care services are paid by salary or contractual agreement and do not receive additional compensation as a result of billing.

If families have questions about unpaid insurance bills, they should contact claims and collections officers at DDSN regional centers (see page 10). For information about additional insurance options, see Section III, Health Insurance and Financial Assistance on page 108.

Consumer/Family Organizations

In an effort to strengthen the involvement and self-sufficiency of consumers and their families, the SC Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs adopted a policy for each county DSN board to have an affiliated consumer/family organization.

Consumer/family organizations are essential elements of any delivery system. The role of local consumer/family organizations is one of communication. They provide a forum for education and information exchange among consumers, parents, family members, interested citizens, service providers and state and local officials.

Consumer/family organizations also advocate for appropriate services to be provided to citizens with disabilities by all SC agencies and help ensure access to these services.

Consumer/family organizations do the following:

- monitor community residences and regional center residential programs;
- assist foundations to provide private funds;
- assist volunteer organizations;
- provide self-help groups, advocacy, information and public education; and
- cooperate with statewide coalitions.

For more information about these organizations, please contact your local DSN board or regional center (see page 13, 10 respectively).

DDSN has a statewide consumer/family council that advises the agency on programs, services and needs of people with disabilities and special needs. Membership includes a representative from each county DSN board consumer/family organization, presidents of the regional center consumer/family organizations and representatives from other statewide consumer/family organizations. For more information about the council, contact your county DSN board or regional center (see pages 13, 10).

State and national organizations also provide leadership for consumers and families. *Practical Guide to Services* contains information about support groups that may be helpful to consumers and families. South Carolina support groups are listed by category (see Section III, page 57).

Services Provided through Local Disabilities and Special Needs Boards

DDSN strives to serve all who need services and to ensure that services meet acceptable standards.

The agency recognizes existing programs or services may not always meet the needs of individuals with unique or multiple disabilities. DSN boards are encouraged to be creative in developing supports and services to meet the needs of those people, especially those with a disability complicated by medical or behavioral needs. For a complete list of services offered by each DSN board, see page 13.

Currently, DSN boards provide three categories of services: family support, intervention and prevention. Following are examples of some services:

Individual/Family Support

Individual/family support enables people with disabilities to remain in their own homes.

Early intervention is a family-focused, in-home service for children up to age 6. An early interventionist helps families understand their child's development. Service coordination is provided in accordance with an individualized family service plan. DDSN's early intervention program serves children and families eligible for BabyNet, South Carolina's statewide early intervention program (see page 39).

Extended day services provide care within select time frames, such as before or after school.

Genetic evaluation, treatment and counseling services are available to families in which a disability has occurred and to families at risk of having a child with a disability or special need. Emphasis is on preventing disabilities, when possible.

Respite services provide temporary care to individuals, allowing families or caregivers to handle emergencies, personal situations or take a break. Respite may be provided in the individual/family home, a qualified caregiver's home, regional center or other locations.

Stipends are available to help individuals/families afford the cost of care for an individual in their own home. Funds are available for transportation, specialized equipment, day care, recreation and other needs.

Summer camps provide supervised recreational activities. Day camps and residential camps are available.

Summer day services provide summer care on weekdays for school-age children who have working parents.

Individualized summer services provide financial assistance for families whose children attend activities selected by the parents. Children attend various types of summer activities, from traditional camps to highly individualized services and activities.

Other family support services include: physical and occupational therapies, personal care services, homemaker services, audiological and speech services, private duty and home health nursing, and environmental modifications.

Day Services for Adults

Planning for transition from school to adult day services is a support available from local DSN boards. The boards also provide supported employment and center-based work programs in local communities.

Supported employment provides assistance in sustaining employment. This service provides wages and opportunities to interact with other workers. Supported employment includes job coach, enclave and mobile work crew opportunities.

Job coach services are funded through DDSN. Job coaches develop employment opportunities and work with participants on a one-to-one basis to teach them the skills necessary to perform and maintain a particular job. Assistance is also provided to help individuals develop job-related skills such as money management, use of transportation and interpersonal skill development.

Enclaves provide work for groups of adults at a local industry or business. Participants work at typical job sites and are often hired by the employer.

Mobile work crews train groups of adults as they work in their community and perform services such as lawn-care, janitorial or landscaping services.

Center-based services provide a safe and healthy environment for people to develop social and personal care skills for more independent and productive lives. Participants may receive competitive wages for work.

Day Services for Children

Integrated day-care programs provide financial assistance to enable children to be served in typical community day-care centers. Kiddie coaches help families of school-age children find suitable community day-care programs.

Child development programs provide day care and developmental activities for children. DSN boards may offer the service before or after school, during parents' work hours or during summer months.

Public schools provide education and related services for children beginning at age 3. Families should contact their local DSN board for information on local developmental and educational programs.

Residential Services

Supervised living programs serve adults capable of independence. Adults may live in apartments, duplexes or other housing. Supervision and support services are provided with regard to individual needs.

Community training homes offer individuals the opportunity to live in a homelike environment under the supervision of a qualified and trained caregiver. Personalized care, supervision and individualized training are provided for no more than three individuals living in a home. Caregivers are either trained private citizens who provide care in their own homes (CTH I), or employees who provide care in a home that is owned or rented by the provider organization (CTH II).

Community residences resemble single-family homes in local neighborhoods. They provide 24-hour care, supervision, counseling, recreation and other activities.

Regional residential centers provide 24-hour care and treatment to individuals. Generally, regional center care is recommended only when all other appropriate community services are not available. Regional centers are located in Ladson (near Charleston), Clinton, Columbia and Florence (see page 10).

Additional Supports

To meet the needs of individuals in each county, some DSN boards offer services funded through other government agencies. These services and supports include:

After Hours Recreation
BabyNet
Child Care and Development Block Grant (Advocates for Better Care)
Clinical Service Program
Extended School Day Program
Job Training Partnership Act
Temporary Care

For more information about these services, contact your local DSN board (see page 13).

Central Office, Regional Offices, Regional Centers

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PO Box 4706
3440 Harden St Ext
Columbia SC 29240
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
FAX (803) 737-6323
1-888-DSN-INFO (376-4636)

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9995 Jamison Rd
Ladson SC 29456
(803) 832-5560
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FAX (803) 832-5599

MIDLANDS REGIONAL OFFICE

8301 Farrow Rd
Columbia SC 29203
(803) 935-7655
FAX (803) 935-6170

PEE DEE REGIONAL OFFICE

PO Box 3209
Florence SC 29502-3209
V/TTY (803) 664-2601
FAX (803) 664-2692

PIEDMONT REGIONAL OFFICE

PO Drawer 239
Clinton SC 29325
V/TTY (864) 833-5131
FAX (864) 833-7217

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FAX (803) 821-5800

MIDLANDS REGIONAL CENTER

8301 Farrow Rd
Columbia SC 29203
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FAX (803) 935-7519

PEE DEE REGIONAL CENTER

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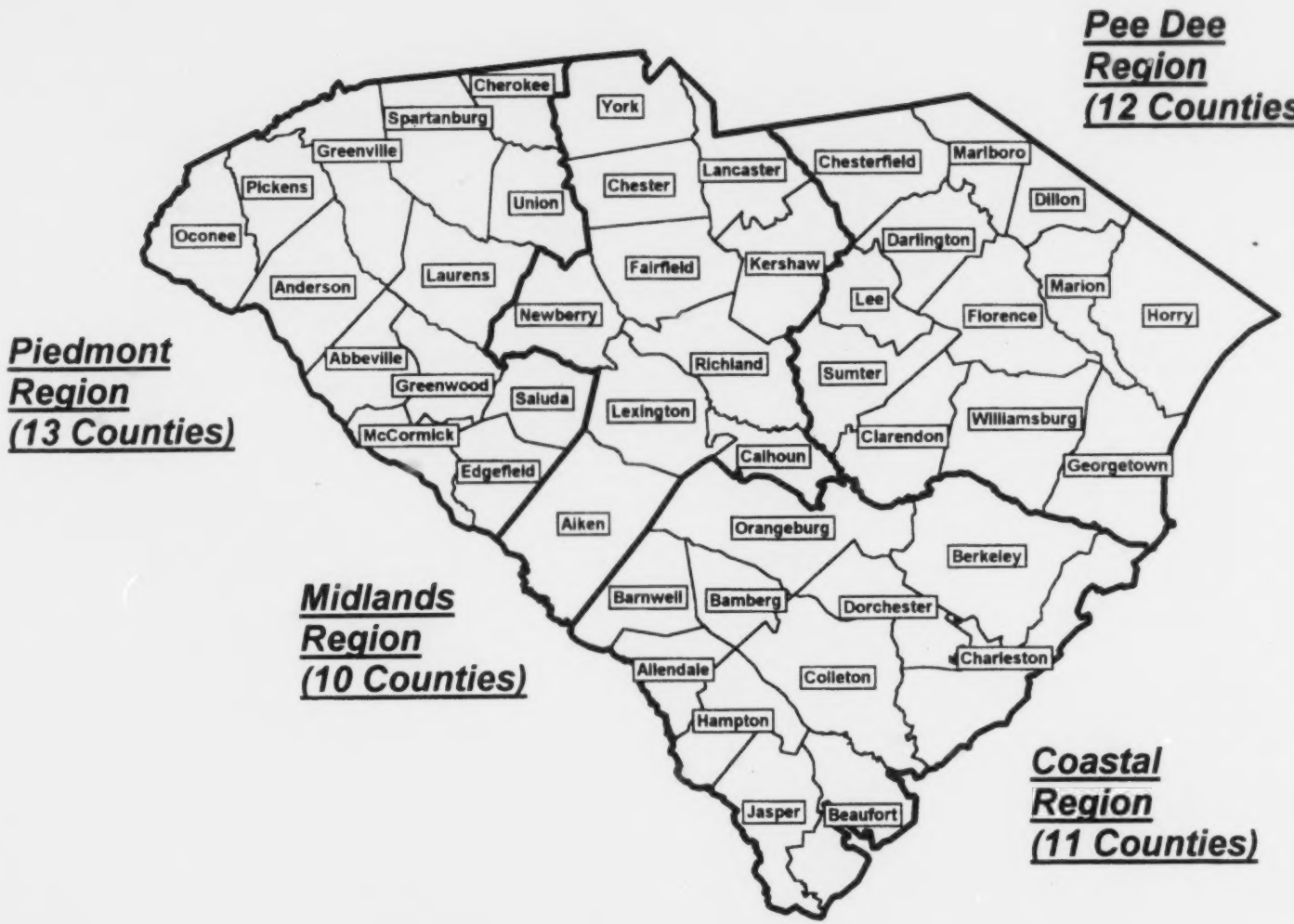

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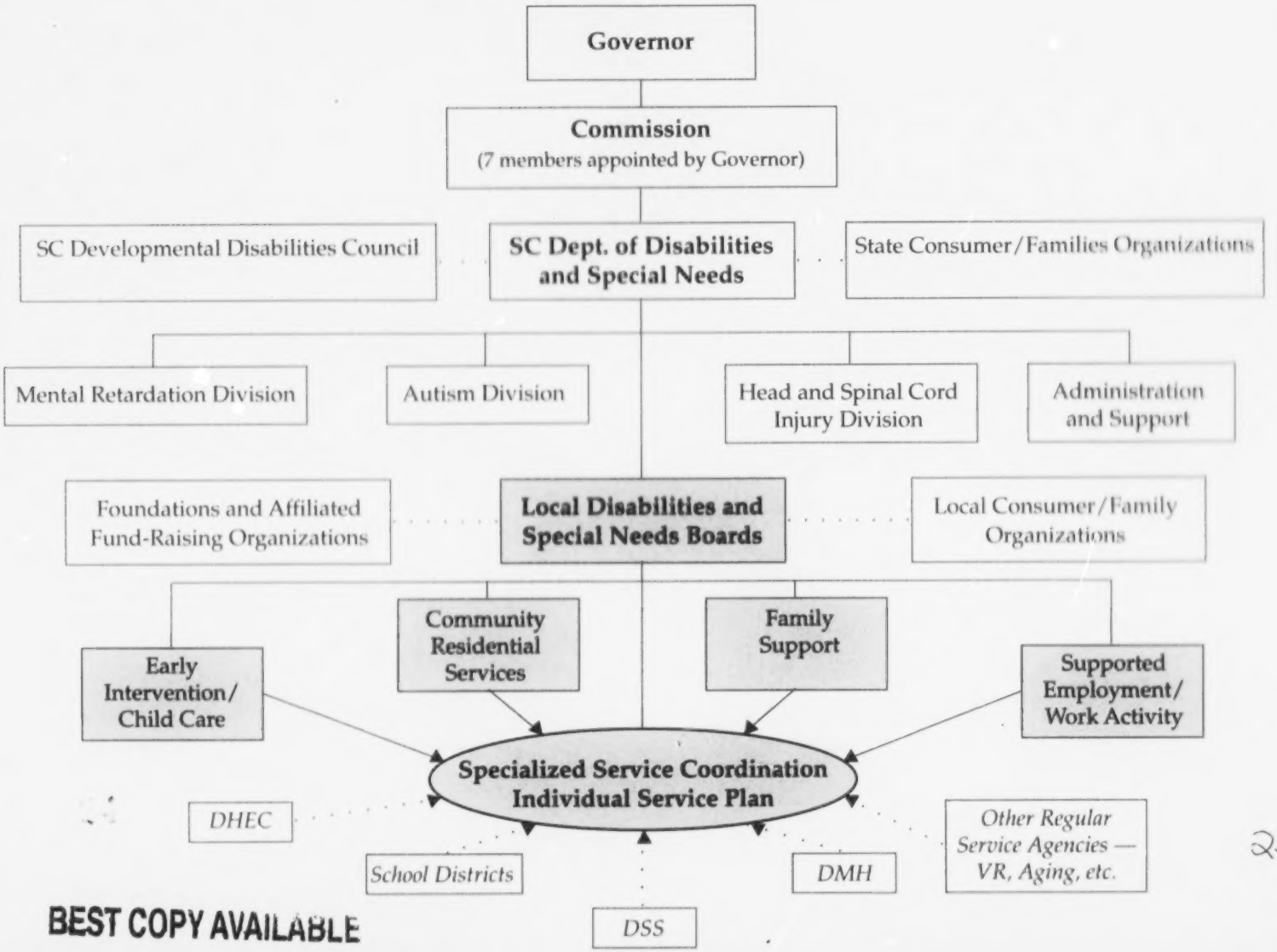

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Administration Agency
Address,
Telephone Number
FAX number

Services Provided

ABBEVILLE COUNTY

Emerald Center Multi-County Board for Disabilities and Special Needs
PO Box 3004
Greenwood SC 29648
(864) 942-8900
FAX (864) 942-8945

Other services available in Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick and Saluda counties

Service Coordination
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Summer Services
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Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living

Emerald Center-Ware Shoals
PO Box 23
Ware Shoals SC 29692
(864) 456-7426

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STEPS
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living

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FAX (803) 259-1351 (Barnwell)

Respite provided by Aiken County Board of Disabilities

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Child Development
Family Support
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Supported Employment
Summer Services
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supported Living for People with Physical Disabilities

ANDERSON COUNTY

Anderson County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs

212 McGee Rd
Anderson SC 29625
(864) 260-4515
FAX (864) 260-5011

Service Coordination
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Child Development
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Supervised Living

BAMBERG COUNTY

Bamberg County Disabilities and Special Needs Board

PO Box 333
Denmark SC 29042
(803) 793-5003
FAX (803) 793-5005

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
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Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living

BARNWELL COUNTY

Allendale/Barnwell Counties Disabilities and Special Needs Board

PO Box 556
Barnwell SC 29812-0556
(803) 584-5050 (Allendale)
FAX (803) 584-7058 (Allendale)
(803) 259-7472 (Barnwell)
FAX (803) 259-1351 (Barnwell)

Respite provided by Aiken County Board of Disabilities

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BEAUFORT COUNTY

Beaufort County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 128
Port Royal SC 29935
(803) 525-7680
FAX (803) 525-4073

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Progress for Exceptional People Employment
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Temporary Care
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living

BERKELEY COUNTY

Berkeley Citizens Inc.
PO Drawer 429
Moncks Corner SC 29461
(803) 761-0300
FAX (803) 761-0303

Service Coordination
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Family Support Assistance
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home

CALHOUN COUNTY

Calhoun County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs
Rte 4, Box 79-B
St. Matthews SC 29135
(803) 874-2664
FAX (803) 874-2660

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
Summer Services
STEPS
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home

CHARLESTON COUNTY

Disabilities Board of Charleston County
PO Box 31729
Charleston SC 29417-1729
(803) 766-2918
FAX (803) 763-1975

Service Coordination
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Child Development
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Job Coach

CHEROKEE COUNTY

Cherokee County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
959 East O'Neal St
Gaffney SC 29340
(864) 487-4190
FAX (864) 489-1384

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Job Coach

Cherokee County Arc
PO Box 397
Gaffney SC 29342
(864) 489-4217

Summer Services

CHESTER COUNTY

Chester County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 246
Chester SC 29706
(803) 581-1091
FAX (803) 377-1168

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Extended School Day Program
Respite
Summer Services
Community Training Home

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

Chesterfield County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 151
Chesterfield SC 29709
(803) 623-9016
FAX (803) 623-3144

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home

CLARENDON COUNTY

Clarendon County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Drawer 40
Manning SC 29102
(803) 435-2330
FAX (803) 435-8523

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Integrated Day Care
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living
Job Coach

COLLETON COUNTY

Colleton County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 1547
Walterboro SC 29488
(803) 549-1732
FAX (803) 549-2359

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
STEPS
Summer Services
Temporary Care
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living

DARLINGTON COUNTY

Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
201 N Damascus Church Rd
Hartsville SC 29550
(803) 332-7252
FAX (803) 332-2958

Service Coordination
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Child Development
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living
Homemaker Services

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
PO Box 804
Darlington SC 29532
(803) 393-4112

Summer Services

DILLON COUNTY

Marion-Dillon Counties Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 2072
Dillon SC 29536
(803) 774-6775 (Dillon)
FAX (803) 774-0927 (Dillon)
(803) 423-4484 (Marion)
FAX (803) 423-4541 (Marion)

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home

DORCHESTER COUNTY

Dorchester County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs
PO Box 2950
Summerville SC 29484
(803) 767-1271
FAX (803) 767-5209

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Kiddie Coach
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living

EDGEFIELD COUNTY

Emerald Center Multi-County Board for Disabilities and Special Needs
PO Box 3004
Greenwood SC 29648
(864) 942-8900
FAX (864) 942-8945

Other services available in Abbeville, Greenwood, McCormick and Saluda counties

Service Coordination
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Fairfield County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 367
Winnsboro SC 29180
(803) 635-2154
FAX (803) 635-8052

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Training Home

Babcock Center, Inc.
PO Box 3817
Columbia SC 29230
(803) 359-9717
FAX (803) 359-1312

Community Residence

FLORENCE COUNTY

Florence County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 12810
Florence SC 29504
(803) 667-5007 (Florence)
FAX (803) 678-8573 (Florence)
(803) 394-7814 (Lake City)
FAX (803) 394-3963 (Lake City)

Service Coordination
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Child Development
Early Intervention
Integrated Day Care
Kiddie Coach
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
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Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living

GEORGETOWN COUNTY

Georgetown County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 1471
Georgetown SC 29442
(803) 546-8228
FAX (803) 546-1617

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Supported Employment
Community Residence

Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church
PO Box 190
Pawleys Island SC 29585
(803) 237-4581

Summer Services

GREENVILLE COUNTY

Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 17467
Greenville SC 29606-8468
(864) 288-1907
FAX (864) 297-4990

Service Coordination
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Child Development
Early Intervention
Respite
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living
Supported Living for People with Physical Disabilities

Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board - Peace Rehabilitation Center
651 S Main Street
Greenville SC 29601
(864) 241-2613

Job Coach for Individuals with Brain or Spinal Cord Injuries

GREENWOOD COUNTY

Emerald Center Multi-County Board for Disabilities and Special Needs
PO Box 3004
Greenwood SC 29648
(864) 942-8900
FAX (864) 942-8945

Other services available in Abbeville, Edgefield, McCormick and Saluda counties

Service Coordination
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Child Development
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Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living
Supported Living for People with Physical Disabilities

HAMPTON COUNTY

Hampton County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 128
Hampton SC 29924
(803) 943-4818
FAX (803) 943-3322

Service Coordination
Multi-county Service Coordination
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence

HORRY COUNTY

Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
250 Victory Ln
Conway SC 29526
(803) 347-3010
FAX (803) 347-7308

Service Coordination
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home

JASPER COUNTY

Jasper County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 747
Ridgeland SC 29936
(803) 726-4499
FAX (803) 726-4091

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Home Intervention and Prevention
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Training Home

KERSHAW COUNTY

Kershaw County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs
PO Box 310
Camden SC 29020-0310
(803) 432-4841
FAX (803) 424-2280

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Kiddie Coach
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Supported Employment
Community Training Home
Supervised Living

Babcock Center Inc.
PO Box 3817
Columbia SC 29230
(803) 359-9717
FAX (803) 359-1312

Community Residence

Camden-Kershaw Recreation Department
PO Box 7002
Camden SC 29020
(803) 425-6010
FAX (803) 425-7689

Summer Services

LANCASTER COUNTY

Lancaster County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 577
Lancaster SC 29721
(803) 285-4368
FAX (803) 286-5571

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living

LAURENS COUNTY

Laurens County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 986
Laurens SC 29360-0986
(864) 682-2314
FAX (864) 682-2397

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living

LEE COUNTY

Lee County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 468
Bishopville SC 29010
(803) 484-9474
FAX (803) 484-5710

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living

LEXINGTON COUNTY

Babcock Center Inc.
PO Box 3817
Columbia SC 29230
(803) 359-9717
FAX (803) 359-1312

Other services available in Richland County

Adult Day Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living
Transitional Center for People with Brain Injuries

Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission
563 South Lake Dr
Lexington SC 29072
(803) 359-0964
FAX (803) 359-9092

Summer Services

Richland/Lexington County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
500 Rivermont Dr
Columbia SC 29210
(803) 252-5179
FAX (803) 252-5981

Other services available in Richland County

Service Coordination
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Service Coordination
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Supported Living for People with Physical Disabilities

MARION COUNTY

Marion-Dillon Counties Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 2072
Dillon SC 29536
(803) 423-4484 (Marion)
FAX (803) 423-4541 (Marion)
(803) 774-6775 (Dillon)
FAX (803) 774-0927 (Dillon)

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home

MARLBORO COUNTY

Marlboro County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 1212
Bennettsville SC 29512
(803) 479-1882
FAX (803) 479-0655

STEPS and Community Training Home provided by Chesterfield County Disabilities and Special Needs Board

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Training Home

MCCORMICK COUNTY

Emerald Center Multi-County Board for Disabilities and Special Needs
PO Box 3004
Greenwood SC 29648
(864) 942-8900
FAX (864) 942-8945

Other services available in Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood and Saluda counties

Service Coordination
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Child Development
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence

NEWBERRY COUNTY

Newberry County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 454
Newberry SC 29108
(803) 276-0078
FAX (803) 276-0785

STEPS provided by Emerald Center Multi-County Disabilities and Special Needs Board

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home

OCONEE COUNTY

Oconee County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
116 South Cove Rd
Seneca SC 29672
(864) 885-6055
FAX (864) 885-6058

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Family Support
After Hours Recreation
BabyNet Services
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living
Job Coach

ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Orangeburg County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 1812
Orangeburg SC 29116
(803) 536-1170
FAX (803) 531-8317

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Family Support
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living
Screening Clinic

PICKENS COUNTY

Pickens County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs
PO Box 1308
Easley SC 29641
(864) 859-5416
FAX (864) 859-4809

Respite provided by Anderson County Disabilities and Special Needs Board

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite Voucher
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living
Family Support Services Voucher
Job Coach

RICHLAND COUNTY

Richland/Lexington Counties Disabilities and Special Needs Board
500 Rivermont Dr
Columbia SC 29210
(803) 252-5179
FAX (803) 252-5981

Other services available in Lexington County

Service Coordination
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Service Coordination
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Supported Living for People with Physical Disabilities

Babcock Center Inc
PO Box 3817
Columbia SC 29230
(803) 359-9717
FAX (803) 359-1312

Other services available in Lexington County

Adult Day Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living
Transitional Center for People with Brain Injuries

Epworth Children's Home
PO Box 50466 2900 Millwood Ave
Columbia SC 29250
(803) 256-7394
V/FAX (803) 256-7394

Early Intervention/Home-Based & Pre-School Services
Summer Services

Richland County Recreation Commission
5819 Shakespeare Rd
Columbia SC 29223
(803) 754-7275
FAX (803) 786-2028

Summer Services

SALUDA COUNTY

Emerald Center Multi-County Board for Disabilities and Special Needs
PO Box 3004
Greenwood SC 29648
(864) 942-8900
FAX (864) 942-8945

Other services available in Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood and McCormick counties

Service Coordination
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Supported Employment
Community Training Home

SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Spartanburg County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
366 N Church St, Suite 700
Spartanburg SC 29303
(864) 596-3574
FAX (864) 596-3018

Planning Coordination

The Charles Lea Center
195 Burdette St
Spartanburg SC 29307
(864) 585-0322
(864) 585-8872
FAX (864) 591-0780

Service Coordination
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Child Development
Outpatient Clinical Services
Early Intervention
Kiddie Coach
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living
Supported Living for People with Physical Disabilities

SUMTER COUNTY

Sumter County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 2847
Sumter SC 29151-2847
(803) 778-1669
FAX (803) 775-9194

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Family Support
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living

Sumter School District #2
1345 Wilson Hall Rd
Sumter SC 29150
(803) 469-6900

Summer Services

UNION COUNTY

Union County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
226 Gadberry St
Union SC 29379
(864) 427-7700
FAX (864) 427-1777

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home

WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY

Williamsburg County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
308 Greenlee St
Kingstree SC 29556
(803) 354-5481
FAX (803) 354-5483

Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Early Intervention
Respite
STEPS
Supported Employment
Community Training Home

YORK COUNTY

York County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
PO Box 30
Rock Hill SC 29731
(803) 628-5800
FAX (803) 324-7984

Service Coordination
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Service Coordination
Adult Day Services
Family Support
Community-based Professional Services
Early Intervention
Integrated Day Care
Respite
STEPS
Summer Services
Supported Employment
Community Residence
Community Training Home
Supervised Living
Recreation
Prevention
Psychology
Job Coach
COFFEE Break
BabyNet Service Funds
Car Seat Loaner Program

Autism Division

SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Autism Division
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-6559
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
FAX (803) 737-6323

Many people with autism are served through local DSN boards and DDSN regional centers. To inquire about services, call your local DSN board (see page 13).

The Autism Division offers the following services:

Consultative Services assist DSN boards, public schools and other state agencies in serving people with autism. Regional consultants and staff work with other service providers to ensure quality programs are provided.

Early Intervention services include diagnostic services for preschoolers, family training and consultation.

Evaluations help determine appropriate placement for education and provide information for service planning.

Summer Programs include day camps which provide supervised recreational activities and structured guidance to children with autism. Camper-to-counselor ratio is 1-to-1. Trained counselors accompany children to other camps such as church camps and 4-H camp.

Family Support Services encourage families to care for their family member at home by providing home- and community-based services tailored to meet the needs of the individual and family. Services and supports are responsive, flexible, culturally sensitive and well-coordinated. Family support services include seminars, consultation, referral, training and respite care for families.

Specialized Training is provided to professionals who serve individuals with autism. Teachers, job coaches, community living staff, aides, volunteers and other professionals may request this training.

Model/Demonstration Programs for education are provided through contracts with certain school districts that enable those districts to use the most current approaches in the classroom through specialized training and consultation.

Autism Division Administrative Offices

SC DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

Autism Division
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-6451
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
1-888-DSN-INFO (376-4636)
FAX (803) 737-6323

MIDLANDS REGIONAL OFFICE

8301 Farrow Rd
Columbia SC 29203-3294
(803) 935-5090
FAX (803) 935-6170

- serving residents of Aiken, Calhoun, Chester, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lexington, Newberry, Richland and York counties.

PIEDMONT REGIONAL OFFICE

269 South Church St, Suite 309
Spartanburg SC 29306
(864) 594-4907
FAX (864) 594-4923

- serving residents of Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Edgefield, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Oconee, Pickens, Saluda, Spartanburg and Union counties.

COASTAL REGIONAL OFFICE

Fairfield Office Park
1064 Gardner Rd, Suite 304
Charleston SC 29407
(803) 852-4120
FAX (803) 852-4119

- serving residents of Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper and Orangeburg counties.

PEE DEE REGIONAL OFFICE

PO Box 3209
Florence SC 29502-3209
(803) 664-2720
FAX (803) 664-2735

- serving residents of Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Sumter and Williamsburg counties.

Head and Spinal Cord Injury Division

SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Head and Spinal Cord Injury Division
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-6450
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
FAX (803) 734-3593

The Head and Spinal Cord Injury Division was created by the 1993 General Assembly's government restructuring. The 1994 General Assembly appropriated limited funds to begin providing services.

Services include, but are not limited to, individual and family services coordination, information about community resources, educational material, emergency and outreach services, and other individual and family-centered services such as:

- respite care;
- personal care assistance with activities of daily living;
- child care for parents with severe disabilities;
- minor environmental modifications (such as ramps) to homes and work sites;
- assistive devices and specialized equipment and repair, including vehicular modifications;
- specialized nutrition, clothing and supplies;
- transportation to needed services;
- home- and community-based nursing and health services;
- individual and family counseling, training and support groups; and
- services in emergency situations where usual supports and services are not available.

Priorities for services include basic care, such as personal assistance for essential activities of daily living.

Subsequent priorities include providing:

- home modifications to allow a person to fully access his or her own home;
- assistive aids, devices and equipment needed to live more independently; and
- services and devices for individual health, safety and security.

Eligibility

By law, a person is eligible for services when he or she has a severe chronic limitation that:

- is attributed to a physical impairment, including brain injury, spinal cord injury or a similar disability, regardless of the age of onset but not associated with or related to the process of aging;
- is likely to continue indefinitely without intervention;

- results in substantial functional limitations in at least two of these life activities:
  a. self-care,
  b. receptive and expressive communication,
  c. learning,
  d. mobility,
  e. self-direction,
  f. capacity for independent living,
  g. economic self-sufficiency; and
- reflects the person's need for services that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

Applying for Services

DDSN's service delivery network consists of 39 DSN boards in 46 counties. If you or your family member have a disability, contact the board nearest you. A service coordinator will arrange an evaluation to determine eligibility, which services are needed and how they will be provided.

If eligibility requirements are not met, the service coordinator will refer you to other available resources.

The following DSN boards employ a specialized brain and spinal cord injury services coordinator. If your county does not have a service coordinator, call the county DSN board nearest you (see page 13).

Aiken	(803) 642-8800	Greenwood	(864) 942-8900
Anderson	(864) 260-4515	Hampton	(803) 943-4818
Berkeley	(803) 761-0334	Horry	(803) 347-3010
Charleston	(803) 571-2388	Lexington	(803) 252-5179
Clarendon	(803) 435-2330	Orangeburg	(803) 531-2995
Darlington	(803) 332-7252	Pickens	(864) 855-4599
Florence	(803) 678-8576	Richland	(803) 252-5179
Greenville	(864) 281-3960	Spartanburg	(864) 585-0322
		York	(803) 324-5161

Job coaches for people with brain or spinal cord injuries are located in the following counties:

Charleston County
Disabilities Board of Charleston County
4050 Bridgeview Dr, Ste 300
North Charleston SC 29405
(803) 852-5542
(803) 742-1600

Richland/Lexington Counties
Phoenix Center
PO Box 3817
Columbia SC 29230
(803) 561-9900

Greenville County
Peace Rehabilitation Center
651 S Main St
Greenville SC 29601
(864) 241-2613

Prevention and Genetic Services

DDSN established the Office of Prevention to reduce the incidence of autism, mental retardation, brain and spinal cord injuries, and related conditions and to promote the quality of life for people with disabilities. The office offers programs for people with disabilities, conducts public awareness and professional education activities, collects data, coordinates prevention activities and genetic services, and provides printed material and videotapes concerning prevention.

STEPS Prevention Program

DDSN's STEPS program teaches adults with mental retardation about family planning and health issues. DDSN contracts with local DSN boards to provide STEPS programs statewide.

The STEPS program is designed to prevent unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases and sexual victimization; promote healthy lifestyles and teach parenting skills. Through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, STEPS staff have also been able to evaluate the cognitive abilities of children whose parents have mental retardation. For more information about STEPS, call (803) 935-5311 or your local DSN board (see page 13).

Neural Tube Defects Prevention

Neural tube birth defects are among the most common of all serious birth defects. In South Carolina they occur once in every 1,000 births — a frequency that is twice the national average.

Recent studies show women can greatly reduce the risk of neural tube defects by taking the B vitamin, folic acid. The vitamin, however, must be taken for several months before pregnancy and during the first two months of pregnancy.

For more information about folic acid and its effect during pregnancy, please call 1-800-6SOMEDAY (676-6332).

DDSN's Office of Prevention received a five-year grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to prevent neural tube defects in South Carolina. The $1.25 million project is one of only two such prevention programs in the United States funded by the CDC, and is being carried out by Greenwood Genetic Center in cooperation with local health departments.

Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention

The Interagency Office of Disability Prevention (IODP) has developed a surveillance system to collect and study data about brain and spinal cord injuries.

Preliminary studies are based upon past hospital discharge data. This data indicates automobile accidents and violence are the most common causes of brain injuries in South Carolina. The number of severe brain injuries is also increasing slightly. Overall, automobile accidents are the most common causes of spinal cord injuries, although falls are a common cause of severe spinal cord injuries for preschool and elderly age groups.

IODP has established a Head and Spinal Cord Injury Information System to register and track individuals with brain and spinal cord injuries. The project is funded by a grant from the CDC and will be directed by the SC Head and Spinal Cord Injury Information System Council.

Greenwood Genetic Center

DDSN has a special working relationship with Greenwood Genetic Center. The center provides genetic services to families with disabilities.

Genetic disease affects one of every eight children born in South Carolina and causes a range of birth defects including mental retardation and other disabilities. Genetic services reduce the risk of children having disabilities caused by genetic factors, whenever possible.

Greenwood Genetic Center is a unique model of cooperation between public and private sectors in South Carolina. The center began in 1974 with support from DDSN and the Self Foundation. It provides a complete range of genetic services.

Families of people with genetically linked disabilities may receive services from Greenwood Genetic Center without charge. Services emphasize prevention programs, which reduce the risk of having children with mental or physical disabilities.

Genetic case workers coordinate services at the regional level. Services are provided through a central clinic and laboratory in Greenwood and a network of satellite clinics. Services also are available through local disabilities and special needs boards (see page 13).

Greenwood Genetic Center collaborates with the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and the Medical University of South Carolina. Genetic center faculty members have joint appointments at the medical schools to facilitate this collaboration.

South Carolina's new Self Research Institute will build on accomplishments of Greenwood Genetic Center and is located beside the center. The institute is a state and national resource with a goal of having every baby born with sound mind and body. Research of the institute focuses on prevention of birth defects and mental retardation.

For more information about genetic services, contact the appropriate regional genetic office or the central clinic:

DDSN Office of Prevention
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 935-5325
FAX (803) 935-5293

Greenwood Genetic Center
One Gregor Mendel Circle
Greenwood SC 29646
(864) 941-8100
1-800-473-9411
1-800-6SOMEDAY (676-6332)
FAX (864) 941-8115

Upper Piedmont Region

- serving residents of Cherokee, Chester, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, Union and York counties.
  (864) 455-8471 (case worker)
  (864) 455-8471 (geneticist)

Lower Piedmont Region

- serving Abbeville, Anderson, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda counties
  (864) 941-8100 (case worker and geneticist)

Midlands Region

- serving Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Orangeburg and Richland counties
  (803) 737-6346 (case worker)
  (803) 737-6347 (geneticist)

Pee Dee Region

- serving Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Lancaster, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Sumter and Williamsburg counties
  (803) 679-0927 (case worker)
  (803) 941-8100 (geneticist)

Coastal Region

- serving Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton and Jasper counties
  (803) 881-2404 (case worker)
  (803) 941-8100 (geneticist)

University of South Carolina School of Medicine
Columbia SC 29208
(803) 733-3200
(803) 733-3210

Medical University of South Carolina
171 Ashley Ave
Charleston SC 29425
(803) 792-2300

Developmental Evaluations

DDSN offers developmental evaluations for children. Evaluations are conducted by DDSN developmental clinics and in cooperation with the child's parents. Evaluations help define a child's strengths and weaknesses, and help professionals determine needed services and supports. Results of evaluations may suggest further evaluation and/or intervention.

Evaluations may be performed in the family's home region, or the child may be referred to a center for testing. Complex situations may require the services of highly trained specialists. Evaluations may include the following:

- developmental medical;
- social history;
- psychological/behavioral;
- educational;
- speech/language;
- physical therapy;
- occupational therapy.

Other health care professionals, such as orthopedic physicians, ophthalmologists and geneticists, may be consulted on an individual basis. Also, hearing tests may be performed by ENT (ear, nose and throat) physicians.

Evaluations are followed by a staffing conference. Both parents and professionals attend the conference to discuss the child's strengths and needs. DDSN provides the needed services or arranges for the child to receive services from appropriate agencies.

For more information, contact your local DSN board (see page 13) or DDSN regional center (see page 10).

The following medical centers provide developmental evaluations in their region:

Coastal Region:

Medical University of South Carolina
Division of Developmental Disabilities
171 Ashley Ave
Charleston SC 29425
(803) 792-2300

Midlands/Pee Dee Regions:

University of South Carolina
Center for Developmental Disabilities
Developmental Pediatric Clinic
3555 Harden St Ext
Columbia SC 29203
(803) 777-4839

Piedmont Region:

The Greenville Hospital System
Center for Developmental Pediatrics
48 Cross Park Ct
Greenville SC 29605
(864) 455-7000

SECTION II
Other State Government Agencies

People with disabilities have the right to receive the same services from public agencies and other organizations that benefit all South Carolina citizens, and to have those services coordinated with the special services needed because of their disabilities. Examples include education, health, Medicaid, mental health and social services. Only when these services cannot meet the needs of individuals with disabilities will DDSN provide the "special" services to supplement the "regular" services offered by the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, SC Department of Health and Human Services, SC Department of Mental Health, SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department, SC Department of Education and the SC Department of Social Services.

Provider organizations offer specific services under the direction of, or under contract with, DSN boards (see page 13). Contract services are monitored by the local DSN board and/or regional office quality assurance teams.

SC Board for Barrier Free Design
3600 Forest Dr, Ste 100
PO Box 11329
Columbia SC 29211-1329
(803) 734-4255
TTY (803) 734-4190
FAX (803) 734-4267

- provides technical assistance and offers legal interpretations and educational seminars to government officials, contractors, builders, architects and interested citizens. The board also inspects buildings under construction or renovation to make sure they are architecturally accessible to people with disabilities, and recommends designs and materials that comply with regulations. The board was created in 1974 to ensure that public and government buildings are architecturally accessible.

SC Commission for the Blind
1430 Confederate Ave
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-7520
TTY (803) 734-7567
1-800-922-2222
FAX (803) 734-7885

- offers diagnostic, prevention, training and support services to people with legal blindness or severe visual disabilities; provides an educational radio service, independent living services and technological assistance related to employment.

SC Department of Education
1429 Senate St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-8500
Office of Exceptional Children: (803) 734-8806
FAX (803) 734-4824

- The State Department of Education, through local education agencies in each county, is responsible for ensuring that all children, ages 3 through 21, have available to them a free, appropriate public education that emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet the unique needs of the child.

  The Office of Exceptional Children ensures that children with disabilities have public education, that the rights of children and their parents are protected, and that school districts have assistance in providing for children's education.

South Carolina School Districts

ABBEVILLE

County Office	(864) 459-5427

AIKEN

District Office	(803) 641-2430
Administrative Area 1	(803) 641-2720
Administrative Area 2	(803) 442-6250
Administrative Area 3	(803) 593-7200
Administrative Area 4	(803) 564-3136
Administrative Area 5	(803) 652-8250

ALLENDALE

County Office	(803) 584-4603

ANDERSON

County Office	(864) 225-0591
Anderson District 1	(864) 847-7344
Anderson District 2	(864) 369-7364
Anderson District 3	(864) 348-6169
Anderson District 4	(864) 646-8000
Anderson District 5	(864) 260-5000

BAMBERG

County Office	(803) 245-3053
Bamberg District 1	(803) 245-3053
Bamberg District 2	(803) 793-3346

BARNWELL

Barnwell District 19	(803) 284-2234
Barnwell District 29	(803) 266-7878
Barnwell District 45	(803) 541-1300

BEAUFORT

County Office	(803) 525-4327

BERKELEY

County Office	(803) 761-8600

CALHOUN

County Office	(803) 874-3509
Calhoun District	(803) 655-7310

CHARLESTON

County Office	(803) 937-6300
St. James-Santee Const. District	(803) 849-2878
Chas. Moultrie Const. District	(803) 849-2878
James Island Const. District	(803) 762-2780
Cooper River Const. District	(803) 745-7150
St. Johns Const. District	(803) 762-278[illegible]
St. Andrews Const. District	(803) 763-1500
City of Chas. Const. District	(803) 937-6597
Chas. St. Paul Const. District	(803) 889-2291

CHEROKEE

District Office	(864) 487-1200

CHESTER

District Office	(803) 385-6122

CHESTERFIELD

District Office	(803) 623-2175

CLARENDON

County Office	(803) 435-8239
Clarendon District 1	(803) 485-2325
Clarendon District 2	(803) 435-4435
Clarendon District 3	(803) 659-2188

COLLETON

County Office	(803) 549-5715

DARLINGTON

District Office	(803) 398-5200

DILLON

County Office	(803) 774-8711
Dillon District 1	(803) 759-3001
Dillon District 2	(803) 774-1200
Dillon District 3	(803) 752-7101

DORCHESTER

County Office	(803) 873-2901
Dorchester District 2	(803) 873-2901
Dorchester District 4	(803) 563-4535

EDGEFIELD

County Office	(803) 275-4601

FAIRFIELD

County Office	(803) 635-4607

FLORENCE

Florence District 1	(803) 669-4141
Florence District 2	(803) 493-2502
Florence District 3	(803) 394-8652
Florence District 4	(803) 346-5391
Florence District 5	(803) 386-2358

GEORGETOWN

County Office	(803) 546-2561

GREENVILLE

County Office	(864) 241-3100
Northeast Area Office	(864) 848-2410
Northwest Area Office	(864) 294-4300
Southeast Area Office	(864) 967-1800
Southwest Area Office	(864) 241-3250

GREENWOOD

County Office	(864) 223-5359
Greenwood District 50	(864) 941-5400
Greenwood District 51	(864) 456-7496
Greenwood District 52	(864) 543-3100

HAMPTON

Hampton District 1	(803) 943-4576
Hampton District 2	(803) 625-2875

HORRY

County Office	(803) 248-8500

JASPER

County Office	(803) 726-7200

KERSHAW

County Office	(803) 432-8416

LANCASTER

District Office	(803) 286-6972

LAURENS

Laurens District 55	(864) 984-3568
Laurens District 56	(864) 833-0800

LEE

County Office	(803) 484-5327

LEXINGTON

Lexington District 1	(803) 359-4178
Lexington District 2	(803) 796-4708
Lexington District 3	(803) 532-4423
Lexington District 4	(803) 568-1000
Lexington District 5	(803) 732-8000

MCCORMICK

District Office	(864) 465-2435

MARION

County Office	(803) 423-8395
Marion District 1	(803) 423-1811
Marion District 2	(803) 464-3700
Marion District 3	(803) 423-2891
Marion District 4	(803) 362-0331

NEWBERRY

County Office	(803) 321-2600

OCONEE

County Office	(864) 638-4000

ORANGEBURG

Orangeburg District 1	(803) 258-3418
Orangeburg District 2	(803) 829-2541
Orangeburg District 3	(803) 486-3288
Orangeburg District 4	(803) 534-8081
Orangeburg District 5	(803) 534-5454
Orangeburg District 6	(803) 247-2163
Orangeburg District 7	(803) 897-2211
Orangeburg District 8	(803) 274-8900

PICKENS

District Office	(864) 855-8150

RICHLAND

Richland District 1	(803) 733-6000
Richland District 2	(803) 787-1910

SALUDA

District Office	(864) 445-8441

SPARTANBURG

County Office	(864) 596-2530
Spartanburg District 1	(864) 468-4542
Spartanburg District 2	(864) 578-0128
Spartanburg District 3	(864) 579-8000
Spartanburg District 4	(864) 476-3186
Spartanburg District 5	(864) 949-2350
Spartanburg District 6	(864) 576-4212
Spartanburg District 7	(864) 594-4400

SUMTER

Sumter District 2	(803) 469-6900
Sumter District 17	(803) 469-8536

UNION

County Office	(864) 429-1740

WILLIAMSBURG

County Office	(803) 354-5571

YORK

York District 1	(803) 684-9916
York District 2	(803) 222-7191
York District 3	(803) 324-5360
York District 4	(803) 548-2527

SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)

2600 Bull St
Columbia SC 29201-1708
Bureau of Maternal and Child Health (803) 737-4190
Division of Maternal Health (803) 737-4000

- DHEC administers health and environmental control programs for all counties in South Carolina and is the lead agency for early intervention services for children from birth to age three. BabyNet, South Carolina's early intervention network, coordinates, supports and services for families of children with disabilities or developmental delays. DHEC provides a broad range of preventive, clinical and educational services through local health departments.

  DHEC's BabyNet program is responsible for the administration of PL 102-119 (formerly PL 99-457). Working cooperatively with other agencies, DHEC is responsible for the administration and implementation of the program, which provides services to infants and toddlers with developmental delays and diagnosed disabilities. For a list of services in your area, call 1-800-922-1107 or (803) 737-4045 (Columbia).

- The Bureau of Maternal and Child Health has developed a strong public care system that complements the private health system across the state:

The Division of Women and Children's Services provides clinical services through local health departments that include: prenatal care in under served areas, routine health screens (EPSDT), immunizations, laboratory tests, lead tests, developmental assessments, vision and hearing testing, health education (anticipatory guidance), dental screening, injury prevention activities, nutrition and social work assessment and interventions, parenting classes and counseling, and other activities that promote health development. Health departments also provide primary family support services to women, children and families when risk factors are identified which require assessment, treatment and follow up. For more information, call (803) 737-4000.

The Division of WIC Services administers the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) supplemental food program.

The Division of Children's Rehabilitative Services provides comprehensive evaluations and referrals for children with physical disabilities through local health departments. Services include: subspecialty physician services, speech, physical, occupational and recreational therapy, payment for medical care services that are medically necessary but not covered by health insurance, summer camp at Camp Burnt Gin, medical supplies and special formulas, nutrition and health education. For more information, call (803) 737-4040.

SC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
1801 Main St
PO Box 8206
Columbia SC 29202-8206
(803) 253-6100

- DHHS administers the Medicaid program for South Carolina. Medicaid is a health program that pays for some medical bills for eligible people with low incomes. Medicaid options available for people meeting eligibility criteria in South Carolina include the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA), extended Medicaid benefits for children with disabilities.

  One component of Medicaid is the Community Long Term Care program. The CLTC focuses on home- and community-based health care for adults with disabilities and people with HIV/AIDS. People age 18 and older may obtain CLTC services if they meet medical and financial criteria and are Medicaid-eligible. Services include personal care aides, home-delivered meals, medical social services, therapy services, medical day care and respite care.

  DHHS also administers the Home- and Community-Based Waiver, which assists people with disabilities who require nursing home care but who choose to receive home- or community-based services. Waiver services may include nursing care, respite, and homemaker and personal care aide services.

  DHHS is the lead agency for the ABC Child Care Voucher system. This program provides financial assistance to eligible families who need child care. Funds may be available to families whose children are under 13 years old and have income levels at or below 125% of poverty. A family will become ineligible when their income exceeds 175% of poverty. Parents must be working or attending an educational or training program in order to be eligible for child care assistance. Parents must also share in the cost of child care.

SC Department of Mental Health (DMH)
Services for People with Developmental Disabilities
PO Box 485
Columbia SC 29202
Columbia (803) 734-7758
Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center (803) 641-7700
(serving Aiken and Barnwell counties)
Anderson-Oconee-Pickens Community Mental Health Center (864) 260-2220
(serving Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties)
Beckman Center
FAX (803) 734-7848 Columbia

- DMH provides a full range of community and inpatient services to citizens of all ages who are emotionally disturbed or psychiatrically disabled. Through a network of 17 community mental health centers that serve all of the state's 46 counties, psychiatric emergency, day treatment, psychosocial rehabilitation, housing, employment, medical psychiatric, case management, crisis intervention and management, counseling, group therapy, activity therapy and local psychiatric inpatient services are provided. Inpatient services also are provided through two acute care and two long-term care psychiatric hospitals. Specialized programs are provided through a training and research facility, three standard nursing homes and a nursing care facility for elderly people who have a major mental illness complicating their nursing care needs. In addition, the department operates an inpatient and community-based program for hearing-impaired persons with mental illness and an ICF/MR for individuals with mental retardation who also have a psychiatric disability.

County Mental Health Centers

AIKEN-BARNWELL MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

(803) 641-7700 serving Aiken and Barnwell Counties

ANDERSON-OCONEE-PICKENS COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

(864) 260-2220 serving Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties

BECKMAN CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

(864) 229-7120 serving Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda counties

BERKELEY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

(803)-761-8282 serving Berkeley County

CATAWBA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

(803) 327-2012 serving York, Chester and Lancaster counties

CHARLESTON/DORCHESTER COMMUNITY MENTAL CENTER

(803) 727-2000 serving Charleston and Dorchester counties

COASTAL EMPIRE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

(803) 524-8899 serving Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Jasper and Hampton counties

COLUMBIA AREA MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

(803) 737-5500 serving Richland and Fairfield counties

GREENVILLE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

(864) 241-1040 serving North Greenville County

LEXINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

(803) 739-8610 (Administration) serving Lexington County
(803) 739-8600 (Clinical)

ORANGEBURG AREA MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

(803) 536-1571 serving Orangeburg, Bamberg and Calhoun counties

PEE DEE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

(803) 661-4875 serving Florence, Darlington and Marion counties

PIEDMONT CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

(864) 963-3421 serving South Greenville County

SANTEE-WATEREE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

(803) 775-9364 serving Sumter, Clarendon, Kershaw and Lee counties

SPARTANBURG AREA MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

(864) 585-0366 serving Spartanburg, Union and Cherokee counties

TRI-COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

(803) 454-0841 (Administration) serving Chesterfield, Marlboro and Dillon counties
(803) 454-0442 (Clinical)

WACCAMAW CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH

(803) 347-5060 (Administration) serving Georgetown, Horry and Williamsburg counties
(803) 347-4888 (clinical)

SC Department of Social Services (DSS)

1535 Confederate Ave Ext
PO Box 1520
Columbia SC 29202-1520
Columbia State Office: (803) 734-6179
1-800-768-5700
FAX (803) 734-5597

- administers Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT), food stamp program and Medicaid program. AFDC provides money for food, clothing, shelter and incidental expense needs of families with children. To receive benefits, families must meet eligibility criteria:
  - Children must be deprived of parental support by death, disability, continued absence of one or both parents or unemployment of the parent who was the principal wage earner.
  - Children must be under age 18, enrolled in a secondary school full time, and be

reasonably expected to complete the program before reaching age 19.

- Children must be living with a parent or other specified relative related by blood or marriage.
- Income and resources cannot exceed agency standards.
- Individuals must reside in South Carolina at the time of application.
- Individuals must register and participate in the Work Support Program, unless exempt.
- Individuals must furnish Social Security numbers or proof of application.
- All support rights of children for whom aid is being requested or received must be assigned to the DSS by the responsible parent or relative.
- The responsible parent or relative must cooperate with the agency to obtain child support on behalf of children for whom aid is being requested or received, unless this action would be against the best interest of the child.

EPSDT provides free health checkups to children under 21 who are eligible for Medicaid. The checkups include a physical examination, hearing and vision tests, immunizations and a direct dental referral, if the child is over age 3. Health and nutrition education and counseling are also available to both parents and children. EPSDT services help identify preventable health problems and provide proper medical care for children in low-income families.

The *food stamp program* provides nutrition to people of low-income households. To receive benefits, families must meet eligibility criteria:

- Household income and resources must not exceed established limits.
- All household members must be United States citizens. Aliens must meet special criteria.
- With certain exceptions, able-bodied household members between the ages of 18 and 60 must register for work.
- All household members, including children, must have a Social Security number.
- Households must be certified by the DSS office in their county.

Medicaid is a health insurance program that pays for medical services on behalf of certain people with low incomes. Within limits, Medicaid will pay for services that are medically necessary. There are strict limits on the types of care covered by Medicaid. Some services are limited by the number of visits during the fiscal year. (The fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30 of each year.) Medicaid may pay for the services listed:

Mandatory:

- Inpatient hospital services
- Outpatient hospital services
- Physician visits
- Inpatient physician visits
- Early and periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment

- Vision care
- Dental services
- Rural health clinic services
- Laboratory and X-ray
- Ambulance transportation
- Medical transportation
- Podiatrists' services
- Skilled nursing facility services
- Therapy
- Inpatient hospital services for individuals age 65 or older in institutions for tuberculosis or mental disease
- Mental health clinic services

Optional:

- Durable medical equipment
- Prescription drugs
- Intermediate Care Facility services
- Inpatient psychiatric services for individuals under age 22

TEFRA

Some children with disabilities may receive benefits under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA). TEFRA is an amendment to the South Carolina state Medicaid program. To receive benefits, children must meet the following requirements:

- be 18 years old or younger;
- meet SSI disability criteria;
- be eligible for Medicaid as if in an institution. This means eligibility is based on the child's income alone, excluding parent's income;
- need to receive services in a hospital, intermediate care facility for persons with mental retardation (ICF/MR), or nursing facility environment;
- be able to receive appropriate services at home; and
- be served at home for a lower cost than being served in a facility. All usual Medicaid services will be covered, including:
- hospital and physician services;
- EPSDT program;
- vision and dental care;
- family planning;
- laboratory and X-ray;

- durable medical equipment;
- prescription drugs;
- ambulance and medical transportation;
- podiatrist, home health, therapy and inpatient psychiatric services; and
- service coordination.

Home- and Community-Based Waiver

The Home- and Community-Based (HCB) Waiver is yet another program under which people with disabilities may become eligible for Medicaid services. It is an optional program and must have federal approval of the waiver application. Individuals with developmental disabilities may be served through the waiver if they would otherwise require ICF/MR services funded by Medicaid, as long as Medicaid costs are less than those that would have been incurred without the waiver. Services commonly covered by the HCB Waiver include:

- adaptive equipment and repair;
- adult day programs;
- behavior analyst services and assessment;
- child day programs;
- consumable medical supplies;
- environmental modifications;
- habilitation;
- homemaker;
- occupation/physical/speech therapy and assessment;
- personal care assistance;
- private duty nursing;
- psychological assessment;
- respite;
- service coordination;
- skilled nursing;
- supported living coaching;
- transportation; and
- wheelchairs with related adaptations and repair.

DSS County Offices

Abbeville	(864) 459-5481	Greenwood	(864) 229-1829
Aiken	(803) 642-3603	Hampton	(803) 943-3641
Allendale	(803) 584-7048	Horry	(803) 365-5565
Anderson	(864) 260-4450	Jasper	(803) 726-7753
Bamberg	(803) 245-3930	Kershaw	(803) 425-7674
Barnwell	(803) 541-1220	Lancaster	(803) 286-7108
Beaufort	(803) 525-7866	Laurens	(864) 833-0100
Berkeley	(803) 761-8044	Lee	(803) 484-6403
Calhoun	(803) 874-3344	Lexington	(803) 957-7333
Charleston	(803) 740-0688	McCormick	(864) 465-2140
Cherokee	(864) 487-2513	Marion	(803) 423-4623
Chester	(803) 377-8131	Marlboro	(803) 479-7188
Chesterfield	(803) 623-6451	Newberry	(803) 321-2168
Clarendon	(803) 435-8922	Oconee	(864) 638-4400
Colleton	(803) 549-1012	Orangeburg	(803) 531-2279
Darlington	(803) 383-6041	Pickens	(864) 898-5810
Dillon	(803) 774-3461	Richland	(803) 735-7130
Dorchester	(803) 563-9524	Saluda	(864) 445-2139
Edgefield	(803) 637-4040	Spartanburg	(864) 596-2218
Fairfield	(803) 635-5502	Sumter	(803) 778-2778
Florence	(803) 699-3354	Union	(864) 429-1665
Georgetown	(803) 546-5134	Williamsburg	(803) 354-9787
Greenville	(864) 467-7797	York	(803) 684-2315

SC School for the Deaf and the Blind
355 Cedar Springs Rd
Spartanburg SC 29302-4699
(864) 585-7711
FAX (864) 585-3555

- the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind is a specialized instructional and resource center. It provides services statewide for deaf, blind and sensory multidisabled individuals (both children and adults), their families and professionals. SCSDB offers programs for preschool, elementary, high school, sensory multidisabled, vocational and postsecondary students as well as outreach and support services. SCSDB operates regional centers throughout the state. Outreach services include braille and literacy media assessments, braille readiness and pre-braille instruction, brailling/large print services, itinerant teachers of the visually impaired, low vision assessments, training and consultation, orientation and mobility evaluations and training for the blind, independent living skills assessment, audiological assessment - complete audiological, hearing aid evaluation, earmold impressions and fitting, acoustic emittance evaluation - communication skills evaluation, physical/ occupational therapy assessments, psychoeducational assessments, sign communication proficiency testing, vocational evaluations, sign language classes, sign language interpreter services, early intervention services, captioned films and videotapes for the deaf, descriptive videos for the blind, information on sensory disabilities and services, assistive devices demonstration center, professional workshops, parent and family workshops, summer programs - sign language training for professionals and families, family learning vacations, camps for deaf, blind and sensory multidisabled children - deaf/blind advocacy-awareness and social, recreational and educational activities for deaf and blind citizens.

SC State Housing Finance and Development Authority
919 Bluff Rd
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-2000
TTY (803) 734-2369
FAX (803) 734-2356

- provides affordable housing opportunities for people with low-to-moderate incomes. Housing includes rental assistance, below-market interest rates for loans and down-payment assistance for home ownership.

SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department (VRD)
1410 Boston Ave
PO Box 15
W Columbia SC 29171-0015
(803) 896-6500
FAX (803) 896-6525

- VRD, through a statewide service delivery system, provides, plans and coordinates rehabilitation services for people with disabilities who meet eligibility requirements outlined in the law and regulations leading to job placement at the competitive employment level. The agency also serves some school-aged people with disabilities in an effort to support their transition into the work environment.

Services include assessment for determining eligibility and vocational rehabilitation needs; counseling, guidance and referral; physical and mental restoration services; vocational and other training services; placement in suitable employment and follow-up; and other goods and services that can help an individual with a disability become gainfully employed.

The Workshop Production Program provides individuals with disabilities actual work experience in industrial-type settings established in the department's local rehabilitation centers throughout the state. These centers provide complete vocational evaluations as well as personal, social and work adjustment training programs that help people make the transition to competitive employment.

The department operates a network of statewide facilities designed to provide specialized services to individuals with various types of severe disabilities. This includes facilities and services in settings operated by the departments of Mental Health, Corrections and Juvenile Justice, the Workers' Compensation Program, Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, Charleston VA Hospital, Roger C. Peace Hospital in Greenville, Medical University of South Carolina, as well as the two residential rehabilitation centers for substance abusers operated by the Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

The department also has service staff located in some of South Carolina's 90 school districts and serves students with disabilities from its area offices in the other districts.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Evaluation Center is a multidisciplinary program for individuals with severe disabilities. This facility is a 30-bed residential facility that offers medical services (including a chronic pain program); occupational therapy; personal and social adjustment; and industrial rehabilitation, including work-hardening, psychological services, speech therapy and vocational evaluation.

The Muscular Development Center offers aquatic, physical recreational and exercise therapies.

Other programs include the Computer Training Program and the Rehabilitation Engineering Program. The Center for Rehabilitation Technology Services (CRTS) is a rehabilitation engineering center funded to develop service delivery models for assistive technology in the vocational rehabilitation process.

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School
W Campus Rd
W Columbia SC 29170
(803) 822-5480
FAX (803) 822-8146

- a state agency providing residential, alternative high school for students at risk of school failure. The school, accredited by the SC Department of Education, offers a high school degree program, GED program and vocational certificate program.

Office of the Governor

Divisions of the state's Office of the Governor provide services or assistance to the public.

Commission on Women
1205 Pendleton St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-1665
FAX (803) 734-1603
E-mail: bglaz@govoepp.state.sc.us
- promotes equality for women and acts as a resource agency for citizens and businesses in South Carolina.

Continuum of Care for Emotionally Disturbed Children
220 Stoneridge Dr, Ste 300
Columbia SC 29210
(803) 253-6272
FAX (803) 253-6400
- provides case management and treatment for emotionally disturbed children.

Developmental Disabilities Council
Edgar A Brown Bldg, Ste 372
1205 Pendleton St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-0465
V/TTY (803) 734-1147
FAX (803) 734-0241
- develops policies and advocates for people with disabilities while monitoring programs and service delivery.

Division of Foster Care Review Board
2221 Devine St, Ste 500
Columbia SC 29205-2471
(803) 734-9146
FAX (803) 734-9149
- uses panels of citizen volunteers in each judicial circuit to monitor the state's foster care system in an effort to ensure that permanent plans are implemented.

Division of Guardian Ad Litem
Edgar A Brown Bldg
1205 Pendleton St, Rm 440A
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-1695
Toll-free Action Line 1-800-277-0113
FAX (803) 734-0505
- recruits volunteers in every county who represent the best interests of abused and neglected children during proceedings.

Division of Ombudsman and Citizen Services
1205 Pendleton St, Room 308
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-0457
FAX (803) 734-0546

- investigates consumer complaints regarding state government agencies, advocates for children's affairs and administers the Client Assistance Program.

Division of Veterans Affairs
1205 Pendleton St, Room 226
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-0200
FAX (803) 734-0197

- assists veterans, their families and survivors in obtaining benefits, admission to VA hospitals, counseling and other services.

Division of Victim Assistance
PO Box 210009
Columbia SC 29221-0009
(803) 737-8140
FAX (803) 737-8205

- provides financial assistance to eligible crime victims.

Division on Aging
Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center Advisory Council
202 Arbor Lake Dr, Ste 301
Columbia SC 29223
(803) 737-7500
FAX (803) 757-7501

- helps facilitate statewide coordination, service system development, information and referral, and grants for caregiver support services to people with Alzheimer's disease, their families and caregivers.

Assistive Services

An assistive technology service is any service that helps an individual select, acquire or learn to use an assistive technology device. Evaluation, design, customization, adaptation and maintenance are examples of assistive technology services.

An assistive technology device is any item used to maintain or improve the functional capabilities of a person with a disability. Devices may be acquired commercially, or may be modified or custom-made. They may be as simple as a modified drawing handle or as complex as a breath-controlled switch to operate a personal computer.

Many organizations serving large populations offer adaptive equipment and/or services.

Relay South Carolina
PO Box 25100-167
Charlotte NC 28229
1-800-735-2905

- provides telephone communication for hearing, deaf, hearing-impaired and speech-disabled persons. By accessing a trained communications agent at Relay South Carolina, hearing users can communicate with hearing-impaired and speech-disabled persons who use a text telephone (TTY), a combination telephone/typewriter. Services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

SC Assistive Technology Project
USC School of Medicine
Center for Developmental Disabilities
Columbia SC 29208
(803) 935-5231
E-mail: scatp@scsn.net
Home page: http://www.cdd.sc.edu/scatp/scatp.htn

- For the past five years, the SC Assistive Technology Project (SCATP) has made significant progress in increasing awareness among consumers, educators, service providers and state agency personnel regarding the benefits and uses of assistive technology. The SCATP team is dedicated to preserving the dignity of all people. The project promotes the independence and full integration of all people within the community. Lists of funding services and sources are available through SCATP. Consumers may be eligible for public or private funding. To increase knowledge and expertise regarding assistive technology policy issues and funding, training materials, modules and programs are constantly being updated and offered to consumers, family members, service providers, special education teachers and other interested individuals.

Tools for Living in the Community:

- A short-term equipment loan program helps people with disabilities determine the most practical and affordable solutions to assistive technology needs. For information, contact the Center for Developmental Disabilities at (803) 935-5231.

Barrier Free Model Home:

- An 1,800-square-foot house showcases modifications and adaptations that make it functional, attractive and accessible for persons with disabilities and age-related limitations. To view the home, contact the Vocational Rehabilitation Department at (803) 896-6630.

NationsBank Loan Program:

- NationsBank administers a consumer-friendly loan program designed specifically for assistive technology purchases. For information, call any NationsBank office or one of the numbers below:

  Columbia (803) 931-3195
  Aiken (803) 624-2453
  Charleston (803) 745-8280
  Florence (803) 678-3200
  Greenville (864) 271-5808
  Lexington (803) 765-8285.

SC Services Information System
University Affiliated Programs
Center for Developmental Disabilities
USC School of Medicine
Columbia SC 29208
(803) 935-5300
1-800-922-1107
FAX (803) 935-5250
E-mail: DeniseR@cdd.sc.edu

- A computerized database allows information specialists to refer callers to service providers and gives service details and telephone numbers.

  Access Technology provides information on mobility aids, workplace accommodations, adaptive computer equipment, augmentative communication devices and other related services.

  BabyNet Central Directory provides information on support groups, parent and child care provider training, and medical and early intervention services for children up to age 3 with special needs.

  Elderly Assistance Line provides information on assistive services for people aged 55 and older, such as home health, adult education, estate planning and daily living aids.

  Alzheimer's Disease program provides information on services related to Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders.

  A Used Equipment Exchange is available for selling or buying assistive aids and devices.

Preventing Disabilities

For more information about preventing disabilities, contact the following organizations:

Greenwood Genetic Center
One Gregor Mendel Cr
Greenwood SC 29646
(864) 941-8100
1-888-442-4363 (1-888-GGC-GENE)
FAX (864) 941-8114
E-mail: ell@ggc.org
http://www.ggc.org

Office of the Governor, Division of Health and Human Services
Immunization Outreach Campaign
PO Box 11369
1205 Pendleton St
Columbia SC 29211
(803) 734-0465

SC Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS)
3700 Forest Dr, Ste 300
Columbia SC 29204
FAX (803) 734-9663

Prevention Programs and Services	(803) 734-9545
Drugstore Information Clearinghouse	1-800-942-3425

SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Office of Prevention
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 935-5325
FAX (803) 935-5293

SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)
2600 Bull St
Columbia SC 29201-1708

Bureau of Maternal and Child Health	(803) 737-4190
Division of Maternal Health	(803) 737-4000

SECTION III
Services/Resources

ABUSE, NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION

Abuse Recovery Center
William S Hall Institute
1800 Colonial Dr
Columbia SC 29202
(803) 734-3502

- *provides counseling services to children who are physically or sexually abused.*

Adult Protection Coordinating Council
PO Box 8206
Columbia SC 29202-8206
(803) 253-6142

- *provides coordination and planning in addressing issues in the adult protection system.*

Child Fatalities Investigation
State Law Enforcement Division
PO Box 21398
Columbia SC 29221
(803) 896-7067

- *investigates suspicious deaths of children under the age of 18.*

Children's Law Office
Carolina Plaza 12th Fl
Columbia SC 29208
(803) 777-1646
FAX (803) 777-8686
E-mail: morris@law.law.sc.edu

- *a resource center for attorneys, guardian ad litems and other professionals who are involved in child abuse and neglect court proceedings.*

Council on Child Abuse and Neglect Inc.
1800 Main St, Ste 3A
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 733-5430
FAX (803) 779-7803
1-800-722-2737
E-mail: CCAN@Colum.MINDSPRING.com

- *prevents the abuse of children through education, intervention and treatment.*

Low Country Children's Center
PO Box 20579
1061 King St
Charleston SC 29413
(803) 723-3600
FAX (803) 720-7106

- *provides interagency assessment and treatment to child victims and their families.*

Missing Person Information Center
SC Law Enforcement Division
PO Box 21398
Columbia SC 29221
(803) 737-9000
FAX (803) 896-7041
1-800-322-4453

- *an information clearinghouse for missing persons and missing and exploited children.*

National Center on Elder Abuse
810 First St, Ste 500
Washington DC 20002-4267
(202) 682-2470

- *a clearinghouse on information, training and technical assistance on prevention of elder abuse.*

National Council on Child Abuse and Family Violence
1155 Connecticut Ave NW, Ste 400
Washington DC 20036
(202) 429-6695
FAX (408) 655-3930
1-800-222-2000
E-mail: 100613.2043@compuserve.com

- *prevents spouse abuse, elder abuse and child abuse through education, intervention and treatment.*

Office of the Governor
Division of Foster Care Review Board
2221 Devine St, Ste 500
Columbia SC 29205-2471
(803) 734-9146

- *uses panels of citizen volunteers in each judicial circuit to monitor the state's foster care system in an effort to ensure that permanent plans are implemented.*

Office of the Governor
Division of Guardian Ad Litem
Edgar A Brown Bldg
1205 Pendleton St, Rm 440A
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-1695
FAX (803) 734-0505
1-800-277-0113

- *recruits volunteers in every county who represent the best interests of abused and neglected children in court proceedings.*

Office of the Governor
Division of Ombudsman & Citizen Services
1205 Pendleton St, Rm 308
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-0457
FAX (803) 734-0546

- *investigates consumer complaints regarding state government agencies, advocates for children's affairs, and administers the Client Assistance Program.*

Office of the Governor
Division of Victim Assistance
1205 Pendleton St, Ste 401
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-1900
FAX (803) 734-1708

- *provides financial assistance to eligible crime victims.*

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities Inc. (P&A)
3710 Landmark Dr, Ste 208
Columbia SC 29204
Charleston (803) 763-8571
Columbia (803) 782-0675
Florence (803) 662-0752
Greenville (864) 235-0273
Columbia FAX (803) 790-1946
Charleston 1-800-743-2553
Columbia 1-800-800-6997
Florence 1-800-868-0752
Greenville 1-800-758-5212
V/TTY 1-800-922-5225
V/TTY (803) 782-0639

- *a private, nonprofit organization that provides a variety of protection and advocacy services for people with disabilities; regional offices located in Columbia, Charleston, Florence and Greenville.*

Achieving Wheelchair Equality/Lowcountry Wheelchair Sports
PO Box 30866
Charleston SC 29417
(803) 792-5321

- *provides support, sports opportunities, community accessibility assessment and community recreation programs for people with disabilities; meets 3rd Tuesday of each month; provides special events.*

Adaptive Environments Center
374 Congress St, Ste 301
Boston MA 02210
(617) 695-1225

- *provides consultations, workshops and resource materials regarding accessibility issues.*

Barrier-Free Environments
PO Box 30634
Raleigh NC 27622
(919) 782-7823

- *design firm specializing in "universal design" for seniors and those with disabilities; fee charged for publications and technical advice.*

Center for Universal Design
North Carolina State University
School of Design
PO Box 8613
Raleigh NC 27695-8613
FAX (919) 515-3023
1-800-647-6777
V/TTY (919) 515-3082
Home page: http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/design/cud
E-mail: cahd@ncsu.edu

- *provides technical assistance, materials, guidelines, literature and referrals to people with mobility, sight and hearing disabilities.*

Job Accommodation Network
PO Box 6080
Morgantown WV 26506
FAX (304) 293-5407
Accommodation Information:
V/TTY 1-800-526-7234
ADA Information: V/TTY 1-800-232-9675
Home page: http://janweb.icdi.wvu.edu
E-mail: jan@jan.icdi.wvu.edu

- *provides information that helps create barrier-free facilities that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act; gives practical suggestions for accommodating employees with all types of disabilities.*

National Endowment for the Arts
The Nancy Hanks Center
1100 Penn Ave NW
Washington DC 20506-0001
(202) 682-5400
Home page: http://www.nea.org

- *offers information on how to apply for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grants through state and city governments to remove architectural barriers in both public and private buildings.*

National Home of Your Own Alliance
Institute of Disability/UPA
University of New Hampshire
7 Leavitt Ln, Ste 101
Durham NH 03824-3522
FAX (919) 515-3023
1-800-220-8770
TTY (919) 515-3082
Home page: http://alliance.unh.edu
E-mail: CAHD@NCSU.EDU

- *a national information and technical assistance program that promotes greater choice and control in housing opportunities for people with disabilities.*

National Kitchen and Bath Association
687 Willow Grove St
Hackettstown NJ 07840
1-800-367-6522

- *provides lists of certified designers and helpful design publications.*

SC Board for Barrier Free Design
3600 Forest Dr, Ste 100
PO Box 11329
Columbia SC 29211-1329
(803) 734-4255
FAX (803) 734-4267
TTY (803) 734-4190

- *consults with contractors to ensure accessibility of new structures, and in remodeling of existing structures; provides general information on accessibility standards.*

Southeastern Paralyzed Veterans Association Inc.
4010 Deans Bridge Rd, US Hwy 1
Hephzibah GA 30815
(706) 796-6301
1-800-292-9335

- *provides advocacy, accessibility, independent living skills and legislative information; offers nursing scholarships, sports resources, research programs and a monthly newsletter.*

Telamon Corporation
PO Box 12217
1413 Calhoun St
Columbia SC 29211-2217
(803) 256-7411

- *a nonprofit organization that provides accessible home remodeling and construction for people with disabilities; housing service office located in Florence.*

ADA (AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT)

ADA Technical Assistance Program
US Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division/Disability Rights Section
PO Box 66738
Washington DC 20035-6738
1-800-514-0301
TTY 1-800-514-0383
Home page: http://www.USDOS.GOV/ADA/ADAHOMI.HTM

- *provides free information and technical assistance directly to businesses, nonprofit service providers, state and local governments, people with disabilities and the general public.*

Disability Rights Section
US Department of Justice/CRD
PO Box 66738
Washington DC 20035-6738
(202) 514-0301
1-800-514-0301
TTY 1-800-514-0383

- *provides free publications and information about Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act.*

ILR Program on Employment and Disability
ILR Extension Bldg, Rm 102
Cornell University
Ithaca NY 14853
(607) 255-7727
FAX (607) 255-2763
TTY (607) 255-2891
Home page: http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/ped
E-mail: 5mb23@cornell.edu

- *provides information, materials and technical assistance to individuals and entities affected by the Americans with Disabilities Act.*

Job Accommodation Network
PO Box 6080
Morgantown WV 26506
FAX (304) 293-5407
Accommodation Information:
V/TTY 1-800-526-7234
ADA Information: V/TTY 1-800-232-9675
Home page: http://janweb.icdi.wvu.edu
E-mail: jan@jan.icdi.wvu.edu

- *provides information that helps create barrier-free facilities that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act; gives practical suggestions for accommodating employees with all types of disabilities.*

Joseph P Kennedy Jr. Foundation
1325 G St NW, Ste 500
Washington DC 20005
(202) 393-1250
FAX (202) 824-0200
E-mail: SMEATJPH@ari.net

- *supports innovative programs for people with mental retardation.*

Parents Reaching Out to Parents (PRO-Parents)
2712 Middleburg Dr, Ste 102
Columbia SC 29204
FAX (803) 252-4513
V/TTY 1-800-759-4776
V/TTY (803) 779-3859
E-mail: PROPARENTS@aol.com

- *a nonprofit organization for and by parents of children with special needs; provides information, trains parents, holds workshops, and provides referrals to support groups and networks.*

President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
1331 F St NW, Ste 300
Washington DC 20004
(202) 376-6200
FAX (202) 376-6219
TTY (202) 376-6205

- *promotes people with disabilities for employment.*

Project ACTION
700 Thirteenth St NW, Ste 200
Washington DC 20005
(202) 347-3066
FAX (202) 737-7914
1-800-659-NIAT
TTY (202) 347-7385
Home page: http://www.projectaction.org
E-mail: projaction@Aol.com

- *national research and demonstration program designed to improve access to transportation services for people with disabilities and to assist transit providers in implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act.*

SC ADA Network
SC Employment Security Commission
1550 Gadsden St
PO Box 1406
Columbia SC 29202
(803) 737-2588
1-800-436-8190

- *provides training and technical assistance; identifies training needs, disseminates ADA related information, shares knowledge of resources and services for people with disabilities.*

SC Board for Barrier Free Design
3600 Forest Dr, Ste 100
PO Box 11329
Columbia SC 29211-1329
(803) 734-4255
FAX (803) 734-4267
TTY (803) 734-4190

- *consults with contractors to ensure accessibility of new structures and in remodeling of existing structures; provides general information on accessibility standards.*

SC Employment Security Commission
Employment & Training Technical Services
1550 Gadsden St
PO Box 1406
Columbia SC 29202
(803) 737-2593
FAX (803) 737-0140
V/TTY 1-800-436-8190 (ADA Information)
V/TTY (803) 737-0391
Home page: http://scjob.sces.org;
Home page: http//www.assisttech.com/SEDBTAC.html
E-mail: RRATTERREE@SCE[illegible]RG
E-mail: sedbtac@ucpa.org

- *provides copies of the Americans with Disabilities Act, regulations, fact sheets and pamphlets; answers common questions about ADA and implementation policy.*

Schools Hot Line
ADA National Access for Public Schools
Adaptive Environments Center
374 Congress St, Ste 301
Boston MA 02210
V/TTY 1-800-893-1225
V/TTY (617) 695-1225

- *resource center for questions and answers regarding ADA, Section 504 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.*

Southeast DBTAC (Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center)
1776 Peachtree Rd, Ste 208 N
Atlanta GA 30309-2351
FAX (404) 888-9091
V/TTY 1-800-949-4232
V/TTY (404) 888-0022
Home page: http://www.assisttech.com/SEDBTAC.html
E-mail: sedbtac@ucpa.org

- *provides information, materials and technical assistance to persons and entities that are affected by the Americans with Disabilities Act.*

The Arc
500 E Border St, Ste 300
Arlington TX 76010
FAX (817) 277-3491
1-800-433-5255
For TTY, dial 1-800-855-1155 and ask the operator to place a collect call (817) 277-0553.
Home page: http://The Arc.org/welcome.html
E-mail: thearc@metronet.com

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (TASH)
29 W Susquehanna Ave, Ste 210
Baltimore MD 21204
(410) 828-8274
FAX (410) 828-6706
TTY (410) 828-1306
Home page: http://www.tash.org
E-mail: info@tash.org

- *advocates for inclusion, equal opportunities, inclusive education, progressive legislation and litigation.*

US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
1801 L St NW
Washington DC 20507
1-800-669-4000
TTY 1-800-669-6820
Home page: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/gils/gils.html
E-mail: EEOCOLC@capcon.net

- *enforces Title I provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination in employment against qualified individuals with disabilities; investigates charges of discrimination on the basis of disability.*

ADD/ADHD—SEE LEARNING DISABILITY ON PAGE 122

ADOPTION

Adopt A Special Kid (AASK)
2201 Broadway St, Ste 702
Oakland CA 94612
(510) 451-1748
FAX (510) 451-2023

- *offers adoption, referral and advocacy services for children with special needs and their families; recruits and trains families to prepare them for the addition of hard-to-place children.*

Children Unlimited Inc.
PO Box 114630
Columbia SC 29211
(803) 799-8311
FAX (803) 765-0284

- *provides adoption services for children with special needs.*

National Adoption Information Clearinghouse
5640 Nicholson Ln, Ste 300
Rockville MD 20852
(301) 231-6512
FAX (301) 984-8527
Home page: http://WORKSTATION.com/NAICINFO
E-mail: NAICINFO@EROLS.COM

- *provides professionals and the general public with information about adoption, including infant and international adoption, and the adoption of children with special needs.*

SC Council on Adoptable Children
PO Box 1453
Greenville SC 29602
(864) 239-0303
1-800-374-9710

- *provides adoption services.*

SC Seedlings
PO Box 1453
Greenville SC 29602
(864) 239-0303
1-800-374-9710

- *provides adoption services.*

ADVOCACY

Adopt A Special Kid (AASK)
2201 Broadway St, Ste 702
Oakland CA 94612
(510) 451-1748
FAX (510) 451-2023

- *offers adoption, referral and advocacy services for children with special needs and their families; recruits and prepares families for the addition of hard-to-place children.*

Alliance for South Carolina's Children
PO Box 11644
Columbia SC 29211
(803) 343-5510
FAX (803) 343-5549

- *a private, nonprofit organization that encourages citizens to make children a priority through advocacy and education.*

Association for the Care of Children's Health (ACCH)
7910 Woodmount Ave, #300
Bethesda MD 20814
(301) 654-6549
FAX (301) 986-4553
Home page: http://www.wsd.com/acch.org
E-mail: acch@clark.net

- *a network of individuals and programs that advocates for improved health care for children and families.*

Babcock Center Self Advocacy Groups
Contact: Ed Harmon
PO Box 3817
Columbia SC 29230
(803) 359-9717

- *provides vocational and social supports for people in Babcock Center workshops. Monthly meetings are open to people enrolled in South Richland, North Richland and Lexington workshops. Employment Advisory Committee addresses concerns about work and employment for people with disabilities.*

Children's Defense Fund
25 E St NW
Washington DC 20001
(202) 628-8787
FAX (202) 662-3510

- *provides a voice for all children, especially children with low income, of minority races and with disabilities.*

Citizens for Advancement of the Physically Handicapped (CAPH)
1620 Goldfinch Ln
W Columbia SC 29169-5422
(803) 796-6493

- *statewide organization that encourages fellowship among people with disabilities; advocates for disability rights; promotes the abilities of people with disabilities; supports public transportation for people with disabilities and provides devices for daily living and educational scholarships when possible.*

Citizens for Independence in Living and Breathing
78 Golfwood Hgts
Toronto ON
Canada M9P 3M2
(416) 244-2248
V/FAX (416) 244-2248

- *promotes choice, control and independence through education and information for current and prospective ventilator users with restrictive respiratory insufficiency.*

Consumer Affairs Advocate
SC Dept of Disabilities and Special Needs
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-6345
FAX (803) 734-3593
1-888-DSN-INFO
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
Home page: http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/
E-mail: DDSN@ddsn.state.sc.us

- *ensures individuals served by the agency receive quality care and treatment; helps solve immediate concerns within the service delivery system; prevents problems from occurring in similar situations and acts as liaison to other advocacy agencies and organizations.*

Council for Exceptional Children
1920 Association Dr
Reston VA 22091-1589
V/TTY (703) 620-3660
Home page: http://www.cec.sped.org
E-mail: JackiB@CEC.Sped.Org

- *an organization for educators of children with disabilities who promote quality education and act as advocates.*

Disabilities Coalition of South Carolina
PO Box 1945
Orangeburg SC 29116
(803) 531-3376
V/FAX (803) 531-3376
E-mail: charlesm@oburg.net

- *a statewide membership organization for people and organizations concerned with people who have disabilities and their families; educates public officials and advocates on behalf of people with disabilities and promotes communication and coordination among members.*

Disability Action Center
3126 Beltline Blvd
Columbia SC 29204
Charleston (803) 852-5503
Columbia (803) 779-5121
Conway (803) 248-8220
Florence (803) 665-5589
Greenville (864) 235-1421

- *provides counseling, independent-living skills training, peer support groups, a statewide registry of certified personal care attendants, referral services, community education, and individual and systems advocacy to people with disabilities; regional offices located in Charleston, Conway, Florence and Greenville.*

Friends for Fun
Contact: Elizabeth Barnes
PO Box 698
Aiken SC 29802
(803) 642-8800

- *provides recreation and self advocacy opportunities for high school students and adults with disabilities.*

Governor's Office of Children's Affairs
Children's Case Resolution System
Edgar A Brown Bldg, Ste 308
1205 Pendleton St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-0457
FAX (803) 734-0546

- *provides mediation and arbitration for cases that otherwise cannot be resolved; responds to inquiries and complaints on behalf of constituents; investigates complaints regarding state agencies.*

Kershaw County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs Self Advocacy Group
Contact: Joe Godlove
PO Box 310
Camden SC 29020
(803) 432-4841

- *focuses on vocational issues affecting adults with mental retardation, autism, or brain or spinal cord injuries.*

National Association for Home Care
228 7th St SE
Washington DC 20003
(202) 547-7424
Home page: http://www.nahc.org
E-mail: webmaster@nahc.org

- *provides information to consumers on home health care, advocates for consumer rights and promotes quality health care.*

National Association of Developmental Disabilities Councils
1234 Massachusetts Ave NW, Ste 103
Washington DC 20005
(202) 347-1234
FAX (202) 347-4023
Home page: http://www.igc.apc.org/NADDC
E-mail: NADDC@igc.apc.org

- *represents state and territorial Developmental Disabilities Councils that advocate systems changes, which include people with developmental disabilities.*

National Education Association Human and Civil Rights Equal Access Program
1201 16th St NW
Washington DC 20036
(202) 833-4000
(202) 822-7700
FAX (202) 822-7578
Home page: http://www.nea.org

- *a membership association for teachers and education support personnel; provides legal services, publications and legislative advocacy to members.*

National Organization on Disability
910 16th St NW, Ste 600
Washington DC 20006
(202) 293-5960
FAX (202) 293-7999
TTY (202) 293-5968
Home page: http://www.nod.org

- *a national disability network organization working to increase employment opportunities, address architectural barriers and transportation needs, and help integrate people with disabilities into community and religious life; provides manuals, training guides and technical assistance.*

Office of the Governor
Division of Ombudsman and Citizen Services
1205 Pendleton St, Rm 308
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-0457

- *investigates consumer complaints regarding state government agencies, advocates for children's affairs and administers the Client Assistance Program.*

Our Voices Count, Too
Contact:
Richard Troublefield
Glenda Hyman-Singletary
PO Box 12810
Florence SC 29504
(803) 667-5997

- *offers education, awareness and self-advocacy development, speakers bureau, legislative advocacy and public relations.*

Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)
801 Eighteenth St NW
Washington DC 20006
(202) USA-1300

- *service organization that advocates for veterans regarding quality health care, research and education of spinal cord injury and dysfunction, benefits available, civil rights and opportunities that maximize the independence of members.*

Parents Reaching Out to Parents (PRO-Parents)
2712 Middleburg Dr, Ste 102
Columbia SC 29204
FAX (803) 252-4513
V/TTY 1-800-759-4776
V/TTY (803) 779-3859
E-mail: PROPARENTS@aol.com

- *a nonprofit organization for and by parents of children with special needs; provides information, trains parents, holds workshops, and provides referrals to support groups and networks.*

People First of Rock Hill
Contact: Denise Simpson
PO Box 30
Rock Hill SC 29731
(803) 324-5161

- *provides support and training for self advocates.*

People On the Go —The Arc of the Midlands
Contact: Kimberly McAllister
PO Box 8707
Columbia SC 29202
(803) 779-3610

- *provides information, education and training on effective self advocacy for adults with disabilities. Employment Advisory Committee addresses concerns about work and employment for people with disabilities.*

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities Inc. (P&A)
3710 Landmark Dr, Ste 208
Columbia SC 29204
Charleston (803) 763-8571
Columbia (803) 782-0675
Florence (803) 662-0752
Greenville (864) 235-0273
FAX (803) 790-1946
Charleston 1-800-743-2553
Columbia 1-800-800-6997
Florence 1-800-868-0752
Greenville 1-800-758-5212
V/TTY 1-800-922-5225
V/TTY (803) 782-0639

- *a private, nonprofit organization that provides a variety of protection and advocacy services for people with disabilities; regional offices located in Charleston, Columbia, Florence and Greenville.*

SC Council for Exceptional Children
237 Rushing Wind Dr
Irmo SC 29063
(803) 749-0412

- *an organization for educators of children with disabilities who promote quality education and act as advocates.*

SC Disabilities Research Commission
1230 Pendleton St
Columbia SC 29201-3796
(803) 733-6917

- *provides advocacy, research and education to individuals with disabilities and their families.*

SC Human Affairs Commission
2611 Forest Dr, Ste 200
PO Box 4490
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-7800

- *investigates complaints filed regarding discrimination on the basis of disability; investigates disability discrimination cases referred by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.*

Self Advocacy Advisory Committee-Whitten Center
Contact: William Killion
PO Box 239
Clinton SC 29325
(864) 833-2733

- *provides opportunities for residents to learn self advocacy skills and addresses issues affecting people receiving services.*

Southeastern Paralyzed Veterans Association Inc.
4010 Deans Bridge Rd
US Hwy 1
Hephzibah GA 30815
(706) 796-6301
1-800-292-9335

- *provides advocacy, accessibility, independent living skills and legislative information; offers nursing scholarships, sports resources, research programs and a monthly newsletter.*

The Arc
500 E Border St, Ste 300
Arlington TX 76010
FAX (817) 277-3491
1-800-433-5255
For TTY, dial 1-800-855-1155 and ask the operator to place a collect call (817) 277-0553.
Home page: http://The Arc.org/welcome.html
E-mail: thearc@metronet.com

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (TASH)
29 W Susquehanna Ave, Ste 210
Baltimore MD 21204
(410) 828-8274
FAX (410) 828-6706
TTY (410) 828-1306
Home page: http://www.tash.org
E-mail: info@tash.org

- *advocates for equal opportunities, inclusive education, progressive legislation and litigation for people with disabilities.*

Voice of the Retarded
5005 Newport Dr, Ste 108
Rolling Meadows IL 60008
(847) 253-6020
FAX (847) 253-6054
E-mail: 104437.3620@compuserve.com

- *a national nonprofit advocacy organization that works for the empowerment of families and choice of residential and rehabilitative services.*

AGING

Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral Center
PO Box 8250
Silver Spring MD 20907
FAX (301) 495-3334
1-800-438-4380
Home page: http://www.alzheimers.org/adear
E-mail: adear@alzheimers.org

- *an information and referral center for families and professionals; offers publications, a newsletter and database searches for health professionals.*

Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center
Office of the Governor/Division on Aging
202 Arbor Lake Dr, Ste 301
Columbia SC 29223
(803) 737-7500
FAX (803) 737-7501

- *provides statewide coordination, service system development, information and referral, and grants for caregiver support services to people with Alzheimer's disease, their families and caregivers.*

John Douglas French Alzheimer's Foundation
11620 Wilshire Blvd, Ste 820
Los Angeles CA 90025
(310) 445-4650
FAX (310) 479-0516
1-800-477-2243

- *funds Alzheimer's research; provides information.*

Joint Legislative Committee on Aging
209 Blatt Bldg
PO Box 11867
Columbia SC 29211
(803) 734-2995
FAX (803) 734-2925

- *studies public and private services, programs and facilities for aging in South Carolina and makes recommendations to the SC General Assembly.*

Mid-State SC Chapter of Alzheimer's Association
PO Box 7044
Columbia SC 29202-7044
(803) 772-3346
FAX (803) 772-3349
1-800-636-3346
E-mail: Leanne.Holt@alz.org

- *provides support and information to people with Alzheimer's and related disorders.*

National Academy for Teaching and Learning about Aging
University of North Texas
PO Box 13438
Denton TX 76203-6438
(817) 565-3450
FAX (817) 565-4370

- *serves as a clearinghouse of information on issues of aging education and intergenerational programs; provides professional speakers and workshop leaders; encourages K-12 education about aging-related topics and works to create a social environment for people of all ages.*

National Voluntary Organizations for Independent Living for the Aging
409 Third St S
Suite 200
Washington DC 20024
(202) 479-1200
Home page: http://www.ncoa.org
E-mail: carol.mcclendon@ncoa.org

- *works to educate and assist voluntary organizations in developing in-home and community-based health care and social services designed to help older persons remain in or return to their homes and live independently; encourages cooperation between voluntary organizations and the public; provides forum for organizations, agencies and consumer groups to share ideas and develop a network of services for the aged.*

Office of the Governor
Division on Aging
202 Arbor Lake Dr, Ste 301
Columbia SC 29223
(803) 737-7500
FAX (803) 737-7501

- *administers and coordinates services for the elderly. Community-based services include congregate meals, adult day care, multipurpose senior centers, transportation, wellness programs, group respite and employment services. In-home services include home-delivered meals, home health care, respite services and homemaker and chore services.*

SC Services Information System
University Affiliated Programs
Center for Developmental Disabilities
USC School of Medicine
Columbia SC 29208
(803) 935-5300
FAX (803) 935-5250
1-800-922-1107
E-mail: DeniseR@cdd.sc.edu

- *provides information about services for people aged 55 and older, such as home health, adult education, estate planning and daily living aids; provides information on services related to Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.*

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

ABLEDATA
8455 Colesville Rd, Ste 935
Silver Spring MD 20910
FAX (301) 587-1967
V/TTY 1-800-227-0216
V/TTY (301) 588-9284
Home page: http://www.abledata.com
E-mail: ABLEDATA@macroint.com

- *provides data and information on more than 22,000 products from more than 2,600 companies including computer information, architectural access and employment; phone information is free; a nominal fee is charged for printouts, factsheets and consultant guides.*

BellSouth
Telecommunications Center
for Customers with Disabilities (TCCD)
(803) 780-2273
TTY (803) 780-2274

- *provides adaptive communications equipment, including volume controls, TTY services and enlarged dials.*

Center for Rehabilitation Technology Services
1410-C Boston Ave
PO Box 15
W Columbia SC 29171
FAX (803) 822-4301
V/TTY (803) 822-5362
E-mail: rerc-vr@scsn.net

- *a rehabilitation engineering research center working to improve the delivery of assistive aids and devices; provides information about assistive technology, products and services.*

CNI Systems
800 Poplar St
Cayce SC 29033
(803) 926-9977

- *develops assistive devices and equipment.*

Dogs for the Deaf
10175 Wheeler Rd
Central Point OR 97502
FAX (541) 826-6696
TTY (541) 826-9220

- *trains hearing dogs to alert people with hearing disabilities to certain sounds; assigns dogs on the basis of a prioritized waiting list; places dogs free of charge, nationwide.*

Dogs for the Disabled Inc.
Training and Information Center
PO Box 25628
Greenville SC 29616
(864) 322-9879

- *provides trained dogs to live and work with people who have disabilities.*

Hear Now
9745 E Hampden Ave, Ste 300
Denver CO 80231
(303) 695-7797
FAX (303) 695-7789
1-800-648-4327

- *assists deaf and hard of hearing people with limited financial means in obtaining hearing aids and cochlear implants.*

International Hearing Dog Inc.
5901 E 89th Ave
Henderson CO 80640
FAX (303) 287-3425
TTY (303) 287-3277

- *trains dogs to "hear" for people with hearing disabilities.*

National Association for Visually Handicapped
22 W 21st St, 6th Fl
New York NY 10010
(212) 889-3141
FAX (212) 727-2931
Home page: http://www.navh.org
E-mail: staff@navh.org

- *offers resource and support materials and assistive devices to people with visual impairments.*

National Federation of the Blind
1800 Johnson St
Baltimore MD 21230
(410) 659-9314
Home page: http://www.nfb.org

- *provides referrals, printed resources and assistive devices to people with visual impairments.*

Pee Dee Center
Assistive Technology Lending Library
PO Box 3209
Florence SC 29502-3209
FAX (803) 664-2656
V/TTY (803) 664-2600

- *makes short-term assistive equipment loans.*

Relay South Carolina
PO Box 25100-167
Charlotte NC 28229
1-800-735-2905

- *provides telephone communication for hearing, deaf, hearing-impaired and speech-disabled persons. By accessing a trained communications agent at Relay South Carolina, hearing users can communicate with hearing-impaired and speech-disabled persons who use a text telephone (TTY), a combination telephone/typewriter. Services available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.*

SC Assistive Technology Project
USC School of Medicine
Center for Developmental Disabilities
Columbia SC 29208
(803) 935-5231
Home page: http://www.cdd.sc.edu/scatp/scatp.htm
E-mail: scatp@scsn.net

- *promotes the independence and full integration of all people within the community; increases knowledge and expertise regarding assistive technology policy issues and funding; offers a technology demonstration center, short-term equipment loan program, barrier free model home and home ownership loan program.*

SC Commission for the Blind
1430 Confederate Ave
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-7520
FAX (803) 734-7885
1-800-922-2222
TTY (803) 734-7567

- *offers diagnostic, prevention, training and support services to people with legal blindness or severe visual disabilities; also provides educational radio service, independent living services and technological assistance related to employment.*

SC Services Information System
University Affiliated Programs
Center for Developmental Disabilities
USC School of Medicine
Columbia SC 29208
(803) 935-5300
FAX (803) 935-5250
1-800-922-1107
E-mail: DeniseR@cdd.sc.edu

- *provides information on mobility aids, workplace accommodations, adaptive computer equipment, augmentative communication devices and other related services; used equipment exchange offered to individuals wanting to sell or buy assistive aids and devices.*

Telecommunications for the Deaf Inc.
8719 Colesville Rd, Ste 300
Silver Spring MD 20910
(301) 589-3786
FAX (301) 589-3797
V/TTY (301) 589-3006
E-mail: TDIoffices@aol.com

- *a national advocacy and consumer organization for technology and information of visual telecommunications.*

Used Equipment Referral Service (UERS)
(803) 822-5404

- *a clearinghouse for buying or selling used equipment; equipment prices negotiable.*

AUTISM

Advocacy Coalition for People with Disabilities
Contact: Linda Cecchetti
1064 Gardner Rd, Ste 306
PO Box 31050
Charleston SC 29417
(803) 852-5558

- *advocates for people with disabilities.*

American Association on Mental Retardation - SC Chapter
Contact: Dr. Keri Weed
Dept of Psychology-USC at Aiken
171 University Pkwy
Aiken SC 29801
(803) 641-3220
E-mail: KERIW@AIKEN.SC.EDU

- *association for professionals involved in service, training and research for people with mental retardation.*

Autism Research Institute
4182 Adams Ave
San Diego CA 92116
(619) 281-7165
FAX (619) 563-6840

- *conducts scientific research designed to improve the methods of diagnosing, treating and preventing autism; provides research findings to parents and professionals seeking information; publishes a newsletter covering biomedical and educational advances in autism research.*

Autism Services Center
PO Box 507
Huntington WV 25710-0507
(304) 525-8014
FAX (304) 525-8026

- *provides advocacy, information, training and referrals to professionals and people with autism and their families; operates national autism hotline for parents, educators, students and others.*

Autism Society of America
7910 Woodmont Ave, Ste 650
Bethesda MD 20814
(301) 657-0881
FAX (301) 657-0869
1-800-3AUTISM
Home page: http://www.autism-society.org/

- *provides information and referrals to individuals, professionals and people with autism and their families; advocates on a national level.*

Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community
1450 Parkside Ave, Ste 22
Ewing NJ 08638
(609) 883-8100
FAX (609) 883-5509

- *offers parent education, support groups, information and referral, and advocacy assistance; also offers community support services such as professional education, speakers bureau and medical information.*

Center for the Study of Autism
PO Box 4538
Salem OR 97302
(503) 363-9110
Home page: http://www.autism.org/

- *conducts research and provides information, referrals and support to professionals and families of people with autism.*

Chapel Hill Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication Handicapped Children (TEACCH) Center
Palmetto GBA
Chapel Hill NC 27599-7180
(919) 966-5156

- *provides evaluation and diagnostic services for children with autism, and provides support and educational information to parents.*

Edmonton Autism Society
#101, 11720 Kingsway Ave
Edmonton AB
Canada T5G OX5
(403) 453-3971
FAX (403) 447-4948
E-mail: eas@oanet.com

- *provides advocacy, information, training and referrals to professionals and people with autism and their families.*

Family Connection of SC Inc.
2712 Middleburg Dr, Ste 103B
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 252-0914 (Columbia)
(864) 455-6213 (Greenville)
1-800-578-8750
FAX (803) 799-8017 (Columbia)
FAX (864) 455-6299 (Greenville)

- *nonprofit, statewide support network for families of children with developmental delay, disability or chronic illness; fosters family-to-family support and communication between families and professionals through statewide conferences and support groups; provides one-to-one matches to parents by disability or chronic illness for emotional and informational support; provides specialized training to parents to become support parents and provides Family Partners, by health district, to families with children who are eligible for BabyNet, South Carolina's early intervention program; publishes a quarterly newsletter, "The Link,"; publishes a listing of support groups in South Carolina; provides information and resources; all services are free.*

Indiana Resource Center for Autism
Institute for the Study of Developmental Disabilities
Indiana University
2853 E 10th St
Bloomington IN 47408-2601
(812) 855-6508
FAX (812) 855-9630
TTY (812) 855-9396
Home page: http://www.isdd.indiana.edu/~irca
E-mail: Prattce@isdd.isdd.indiana.edu

- *disseminates information internationally, conducts research and provides training for professionals and family members nationwide.*

Network for Hearing and Visually Impaired
7510 Oceanfront Ave
Virginia Beach VA 23451
(757) 428-9036
FAX (757) 428-0019

- *network of support groups working with children and adults with autism who have either hearing or sight impairment.*

SC Autism Society
Contact: Beverly McCarty
3120 Beltline Blvd, Ste 102
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 254-7400
FAX (803) 254-7400 (Call first)

- *provides advocacy, information, training and referrals to professionals and people with autism and their families; fosters support groups statewide.*

Support Groups:
Charleston (803) 763-6877
Aiken (803) 642-5719
Columbia (803) 736-2094
Georgetown (803) 546-4824
Sumter (803) 481-0342
Sumter (803) 778-1045
Florence (803) 662-6470
Hartsville (803) 383-3484
Hartsville (803) 383-2313
Greenville (864) 233-7708
Rock Hill (803) 366-4907

The Arc of the Midlands
Advocates for the Rights of Citizens with Disabilities
500 Rivermont Dr
Columbia SC 29210
(803) 779-3610
FAX (803) 252-5981

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

The Caring Connection
Vince Moseley Center
41 Bee St
Charleston SC 29425
(803) 792-0669
FAX (803) 792-6799
1-800-424-6872

- *a network of families, students, teachers and health care professionals who give support to individuals with special needs and their families.*

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BRAIN INJURY AND SIMILAR DISABILITIES

Advocacy Coalition for People with Disabilities
Contact: Linda Cecchetti
1064 Gardner Rd, Ste 306
PO Box 31050
Charleston SC 29417
(803) 852-5558

- *advocates for people with disabilities.*

Brain Injury Association
1776 Massachusetts Ave NW, Ste 100
Washington DC 20036
(202) 296-6443
FAX (202) 296-8850
1-800-444-6443

- *offers education, support, prevention materials, advocacy and a listing of rehabilitation centers to brain injury survivors and their families.*

Brain Injury Association of SC (formerly South Carolina Head Injury Association)
PO Box 1912
Orangeburg SC 29116
(803) 533-1613
FAX (803) 531-3376
1-800-767-9701
E-mail: charlesm@oburg.net

- *offers education, support, prevention materials, advocacy and a listing of rehabilitation centers to survivors of brain injury and their families.*

Disability Action Center
3126 Beltline Blvd
Columbia SC 29204
Charleston (803) 852-5503
Columbia (803) 779-5121
Conway (803) 248-8220
Florence (803) 665-5589
Greenville (864) 235-1421

- *provides counseling, independent-living skills training, peer support groups, a statewide registry of certified personal care attendants, referral services, community education, and individual and systems advocacy to people with disabilities; regional offices located in Charleston, Conway, Florence and Greenville.*

Head Injury Support Group
Roger C Peace Rehabilitation Hospital
701 Grove Rd
Greenville SC 29605
(864) 455-8765

- *provides support for individuals with brain injuries.*

Healthcare Rehabilitation Center
PO Box 43148
1106 W Dittmar Rd
Austin TX 78745
(521) 444-4835
1-800-252-5151

- *provides a continuum of care for brain-injured and neuropsychiatric patients.*

National Brain Tumor Foundation
785 Market St, Ste 1600
San Francisco CA 94103
(415) 284-0208
FAX (415) 284-0209
1-800-934-CURE (2873)

- *works to improve the quality of life for brain tumor patients and supports research to find a cure.*

PALS (People Always Lending Support)
1040 Huntington Dr
Hartsville SC 29550
(803) 332-5488
(803) 383-5169
E-mail: scpal@aol.com

- *provides information and support to people with a brain injury, lupus, multiple sclerosis, Addison's disease, stroke, quadriplegia, connective tissue diseases, arthritis, fibromyalgia and other chronic illnesses.*

Phoenix Project
PO Box 84151
Seattle WA 98124
(206) 329-1371
FAX (206) 623-4251
Home page: http://www.headinjury.com/brain
E-mail: brain@headinjury.com

- *a nonprofit information and referral service; offers advice, handbooks and seminars to help consumers adjust to the ongoing difficulties that result from brain injury.*

SC Association of Independent Brain Injury Groups
556 Wimbledon Ct
Columbia SC 29210
(803) 749-3983

- *offers education, support, prevention materials, advocacy and a listing of rehabilitation centers to survivors of brain injury and their families.*

SC Disabilities Research Commission
1230 Pendleton St
Columbia SC 29201-3796
(803) 733-6917

- *provides advocacy, research and education to individuals with disabilities and their families.*

SHINE (Support Head Injury Needs Effectively)
Contact: Charles Sanford
541 McNelly Rd
Piedmont SC 29673
(864) 269-0426

- *provides information and support to survivors of brain injury and their families.*

Traumatic Brain Injury Association of SC
SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department
1410 Boston Ave
PO Box 15
West Columbia SC 29171-0015
Charleston (803) 552-0696
Greenville (864) 963-9487
Columbia FAX (803) 552-7878

- *provides information and support to survivors of brain injury and their families, and promotes community awareness about brain injury.*

Trident Brain Injury Support Group
Contact: Lee Sokolitz
12-I Ashley House Lockwood Dr
Charleston SC 29401
(803) 577-2608

- *provides support, information and a monthly newsletter to survivors of brain injury and their families.*

Union Independent Living Team
Contact: Billy Shaw
2874 Santuc Carlisle Hwy
Union SC 29379
(864) 429-1748

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

CAMPS—SEE SUMMER SERVICES ON PAGE 154

CEREBRAL PALSY—SEE MENTAL RETARDATION ON PAGE 126

CHILD CARE/RESPITE CARE

Family Information Network

243 P&A Bldg
Clemson University
Clemson SC 29634-0315
(864) 656-0110
FAX (864) 656-5723
E-mail: AMERCK@Clemson.Edu

- *provides an electronic database including information on licensed child care providers, nursing homes, how to choose a residential facility, immunizations, illnesses, financial assistance and more. For more information, contact your county extension office.*

County Extension Offices:
Abbeville (864) 459-4106
Aiken (803) 649-6297
Allendale (803) 584-4207
Anderson (864) 226-1581
Bamberg (803) 245-2170
Barnwell (803) 259-7141
Beaufort (803) 525-7118
Berkeley (803) 761-6900
Calhoun (803) 874-2354
Charleston (803) 722-5940
Cherokee (864) 489-3141
Chester (803) 385-6181
Chesterfield (803) 623-2134
Clarendon (803) 435-8429
Colleton (803) 549-2596
Darlington (803) 393-0484
Dillon (803) 774-8218
Dorchester (803) 563-3441/(803) 832-0135
Edgefield (803) 637-3161
Fairfield (803) 635-4918
Florence (803) 661-4800
Georgetown (803) 546-4481
Greenville (864) 232-4731
Greenwood (864) 229-6681/(864) 942-8590
Hampton (803) 943-3538
Horry (803) 248-2267
Jasper (803) 726-3461
Kershaw (803) 432-9071
Lancaster (803) 283-3302
Laurens (864) 984-2514
Lee (803) 484-5416
Lexington (803) 359-8515
McCormick (864) 465-2112
Marion (803) 423-8285
Marlboro (803) 479-6851
Newberry (803) 276-1091
Oconee (864) 638-5889
Orangeburg (803) 534-6280
Pickens (864) 868-2810
Richland (803) 929-6030
Saluda (864) 445-8117
Spartanburg (864) 596-2993
Sumter (803) 773-5562
Union (864) 427-6259
Williamsburg (803) 354-6106
York (803) 684-9919

SC Department of Health and Human Services

Division of Program Development
- ABC Child Care Voucher System
PO Box 8206
Columbia SC 29202-8206
(803) 253-6154
FAX (803) 253-6152
1-800-262-4416 (provider lines)
1-800-476-0199 (client lines)

- *provides financial assistance to eligible families who need child care. Funds may be available to families whose children are under 13 years old and have income levels at or below 125 percent of poverty. A family will become ineligible when their income exceeds 175 percent of poverty. Parents must be working or attending an educational or training program in order to be eligible for child care assistance. Parents must also share in the cost of child care.*

SC Department of Social Services-Division of Child Day Care Licensing and Regulations

PO Box 1520
Columbia SC 29202-1520
1-800-230-8229
FAX (803) 734-4322

- *licenses and approves all child care facilities, monitors facilities, investigates complaints and interprets licensing regulations.*

Region I:
(803) 740-0780
1-800-260-0211
FAX (803) 740-0787
- *Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper counties*

Region II:
(803) 734-5676
1-800-230-8229
FAX (803) 734-4322
- *Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Edgefield, Lexington, Orangeburg, Saluda counties*

Region III:
(864) 241-1057
1-800-637-8550
FAX (864) 241-1099
- *Abbeville, Anderson, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Oconee, Pickens counties*

Region IV:
(803) 664-2825
1-800-464-9138
FAX (803) 664-2871
- *Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Marlboro, Williamsburg counties*

Region V:
(803) 734-5678
1-800-230-8229
FAX (803) 734-4322
- *Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lee, Newberry, Richland, Sumter counties*

Region VI:
(864) 241-1031
1-800-465-5175
FAX (864) 241-1099
- *Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Lancaster, Spartanburg, Union, York counties*

SC University Affiliated Program (UAP)

Center for Developmental Disabilities
USC School of Medicine
Columbia SC 29208
(803) 935-5231
FAX (803) 935-5250

- *provides child care and early intervention training to professionals and parents, a newsletter, an early childhood resource library, annual conference and catalog of training seminars.*

American Cleft Palate/Craniofacial Association and Cleft Palate Foundation
1218 Grandview Ave
Pittsburgh PA 15211
(412) 481-1376
1-800-24-CLEFT (1-800-242-5338)

- *provides medical and emotional support to craniofacial patients and their families.*

Association for the Care of Children's Health (ACCH)
7910 Woodmount Ave, #300
Bethesda MD 20814
(301) 654-6549
FAX (301) 986-4553
Home page: http://www.wsd.com/acch.org
E-mail: acch@clark.net

- *a network of individuals and programs that advocates for improved health care for children and families.*

Association of Birth Defect Children
827 Irma St
Orlando FL 32803
(407) 245-7035
FAX (407) 245 7087
1-800-313-2232 Information Line

- *a national clearinghouse providing parents and professionals with referrals and information about support services available for children with disabilities.*

Auditory-Verbal International Inc.
2121 Eisenhower Ave, Ste 402
Alexandria VA 22314
(703) 739-1049
FAX (703) 739-0395
TTY (703) 739-0874
Home page: http://www.digitalnation.com/AVI
E-mail: AVI@csgi.com

- *provides services to children with hearing impairments.*

Children's Craniofacial Association
9441 LBJ Freeway, Ste 175
Dallas TX 75243
1-800-535-3643
Home page: http://www.Masterlink.com/Masterlink/children

- *provides financial, medical and emotional support and educational materials to craniofacial patients and their families.*

National Birth Defects Center
40 Second Ave, Ste 460
Waltham MA 02154
(617) 466-9555
FAX (617) 487-2361

- *provides diagnosis and treatment of children born with birth defects, genetic diseases or mental retardation, a national birth defects registry, prenatal exposure testing and parent matching.*

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)
PO Box 1492
Washington DC 20013-1492
V/TTY 1-800-695-0285
V/TTY (202) 884-8200
Home page: http://www.aed.org/nichcy
E-mail: NICHCY@aed.org

- *a clearinghouse of information on all types of disabilities that affect children and youth through 21 years of age.*

SC Safe Kids Coalition
SC Hospital Association
PO Box 6009
W Columbia SC 29171-6009
(803) 796-1950
FAX (803) 796-2938
E-mail: RMALLISON@SCHA.MHS
.compuserve.com

- *seeks to reduce childhood injuries through public education and public policy advocacy.*

SC Services Information System
University Affiliated Programs
Center for Developmental Disabilities
USC School of Medicine
Columbia SC 29208
(803) 935-5300
FAX (803) 935-5250
1-800-922-1107
E-mail: DeniseR@cdd.sc.edu

- *provides information on support groups, parent and child care provider training, and medical and early intervention services for children up to age 3 with special needs.*

Shriners Hospital for Children
950 W Faris Rd
Greenville SC 29605
(864) 271-3444
FAX (864) 271 4471

- *a pediatric orthopedic facility serving children under age 18; no charge for service; admission is by application.*

South Carolina Mentor
3200 Devine St
Columbia SC 29205
(803) 799-9025
1-800-636-8676

- *provides an active treatment environment to prepare children to return home from institutions or to move to a less restrictive setting; allows children to maximize personal growth and independence, stabilize emotional disorders, and develop a healthy self-concept.*

COMMUNICATION

BellSouth
Telecommunications Center for
Customers with Disabilities (TCCD)
(803) 780-2273
V/TTY (803) 780-2274

- *provides adaptive communications equipment, including volume controls, TTY services and enlarged dials.*

Dogs for the Disabled Inc.
Training and Information Center
PO Box 25628
Greenville SC 29616
(864) 322-9879

- *provides trained dogs to live and work with people who have disabilities.*

Hear Now
9745 E Hampden Ave, Ste 300
Denver CO 80231
(303) 695-7797
FAX (303) 695-7789
1-800-648-4327

- *assists deaf and hard of hearing people with limited financial means in obtaining hearing aids and cochlear implants.*

National Association for Visually Handicapped
22 W 21st St, 6th Fl
New York NY 10010
(212) 889-3141
FAX (212) 727-2931
Home page: http://www.navh.org
E-mail: staff@navh.org

- *offers resource and support materials and assistive devices to people with visual impairments.*

Relay South Carolina
PO Box 25100-167
Charlotte NC 28229
1-800-735-2905

- *provides telephone communication for hearing, deaf, hearing-impaired and speech-disabled persons. By accessing a trained communications agent at Relay South Carolina, hearing users can communicate with hearing-impaired and speech-disabled persons who use a text telephone (TTY), a combination telephone/typewriter. Services available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.*

University of South Carolina
Speech and Hearing Center
1601 St Julian Pl
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 777-2614
FAX (803) 253-4143

- *provides screenings, diagnostic evaluations, and remediation services for speech and language disorders in children and adults; provides consultation regarding assistive listening devices and augmentative/alternative communication.*

Used Equipment Referral Service (UERS)
(803) 822-5404

- *a clearinghouse for buying or selling used equipment; equipment prices negotiable.*

CONSUMER REVIEWS

Alliance of Genetic Support Groups
35 Wisconsin Cr, Ste 440
Chevy Chase MD 20815
(301) 652-5553
FAX (301) 654-0171
1-800-336-GENE (4363)
Home page: http://medhlp.org/www/agsg.htm
E-mail: alliance@capaccess.org

- *a forum for consumers and professionals to identify and address issues of availability, accessibility and appropriateness of services for individuals, families and support groups. The groups identify common concerns and speak out on cross-disability issues. The alliance provides publications and makes referrals to genetic counselors.*

Center for Universal Design
North Carolina State University
School of Design
Box 8613
Raleigh NC 27695-8613
FAX (919) 515-3023
1-800-647-6777
V/TTY (919) 515-3082
Home page: http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/design/cud
E-mail: cahd@ncsu.edu

- *provides information and referrals to products used in the home; develops new universal product designs.*

National Injury Information Clearinghouse
US Consumer Product Safety Commission
Washington DC 20207-0001
(301) 504-0424
1-800-638-CPSC (2772)
Home page: http://www.cpsc.gov

- *provides data and information about the causes and prevention of death, injury and illness associated with consumer products.*

Office of the Governor
Division of Ombudsman and Citizen Services
1205 Pendleton St, Rm 308
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-0457
FAX (803) 734-0546

- *investigates consumer complaints regarding state government agencies, advocates for children's affairs, and administers the Client Assistance Program (CAP).*

Telecommunications for the Deaf Inc.
8719 Colesville Rd, Ste 300
Silver Spring MD 20910
(301) 589-3786
FAX (301) 589-3797
TTY (301) 589-3006
E-mail: TDIOffices@aol.com

- *a national advocacy and consumer organization for technology and information of visual telecommunications.*

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DEATH AND BEREAVEMENT

Family Service Center
1800 Main St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 733-5450
1-800-922-5651
E-mail: fsccola@ix.netcom.com

- *provides traveler's aid, consumer credit counseling, children's dental clinics, family life enrichment, employee assistance programs and individual, marriage and family counseling to help strengthen and enhance families' and individuals' functioning.*

DENTAL CARE

Family Service Center
1800 Main St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 733-5450
1-800-922-5651
E-mail: fsccola@ix.netcom.com

- *provides traveler's aid, consumer credit counseling, children's dental clinics, family life enrichment, employee assistance programs and individual, marriage and family counseling.*

SC Dental Association
120 Stonemark Ln
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 750-2277

- *provides dental referrals; dental care may be available at a reduced rate or free of charge.*

United Way
Children's Dental Clinic
2711 Middleburg Dr
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 252-9101

- *provides reduced-rate or free dental care for children in grades K-5 through 12 whose families have low income.*

Disability Determination Division
Vocational Rehabilitation Department
State Office
PO Box 60
W Columbia SC 29171
(803) 896-6400

- *evaluates claims for total and permanent disability benefits under provisions outlined in South Carolina state law.*

Social Security Administration District Office
1835 Assembly St.
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 929-7635
1-800-772-1213

- *provides applications for two types of disability benefits: Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income. Both types require that the person have a medically documented condition that keeps them from performing gainful activities and that this will last at least 12 months or end in death. To get Social Security Disability, the worker must have worked and paid Social Security taxes for a certain period of time before becoming disabled (generally, five of the ten years before disability began). Social Security benefits can also be paid to disabled widows at age 50 and unmarried adult children who become disabled before age 22 if certain other requirements are met. In order to receive supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits, the applicant must also have limited income and resources. Both types of benefits (Social Security and SSI) also carry the requirement that the applicant be either a US citizen or an alien lawfully admitted under one of certain specific categories. The district office also processes and approves PASS (Plans for Achieving Self-Support). PASS allows people with disabilities to establish a working plan to become more self-sufficient.*

Social Security Administration District Office
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
1835 Assembly St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 929-7635
1-800-772-1213

- *SSI provides a monthly check to people who are unable to support themselves due to age, disability or blindness. These people must have limited income and resources. Eligibility is based on the extent of disability; ability for substantial, gainful work; and financial resources. Persons eligible for SSI are automatically entitled to Medicaid benefits. For more information about eligibility and dependency requirements, contact your local Social Security office.*

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Vocational Rehabilitation Department
Disability Determination Division
1709 Mobile Ave
W Columbia SC 29170
(803) 896-6700

- *evaluates claims for disability benefits under Title II and Title XVI of the Social Security Act.*

DISABILITY SERVICES AND SUPPORT GROUPS

AARSKOG Syndrome Parents Group
62 Robin Hill Ln
Levittown PA 19055-1411
(215) 943-7131

- *offers support, a yearly newsletter and other printed materials to families of children with AARSKOG syndrome.*

Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum Network
Human Development and Family Studies
18 Merrill Hall
University of Maine
Orono ME 04469-5749
(207) 581-3119

- *a parent-to-parent support organization for families of children with agenesis of the corpus callosum.*

Alagille Syndrome Alliance
10630 SW Garden Park Pl
Tigard OR 97223
(503) 639-6217

- *a support group for people affected with Alagille syndrome and their family and friends.*

Alzheimer's Association
919 N Michigan Ave, Ste 1000
Chicago IL 60611
1-800-272-3900
E-mail: info@alz.org

- *provides information and referrals to care centers, doctors and support groups through local chapters.*

Alzheimer's Association
Mid-State SC Chapter
PO Box 7044
Columbia SC 29202-7044
(803) 772-3346
FAX (803) 772-3349
1-800-636-3346
E-mail: Leanne.Holt@alz.org

- *provides information and referrals to care centers, doctors and support groups.*

Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral Center
PO Box 8250
Silver Spring MD 20907
FAX (301) 495-3334
1-800-438-4380
Home page: http://www.alzheimers.org/adear
E-mail: adear@alzheimers.org

- *an information and referral center for families and professionals; offers publications, a newsletter and database searches for health professionals.*

American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine
6300 N River Rd, Ste 727
Rosemont IL 60018-4226
(847) 698-1635
FAX (847) 823-0536

- *provides updates, journals and information to medical professionals; sponsors an annual meeting to provide medical professionals with the latest scientific information.*

American Brain Tumor Association
2720 River Rd
Des Plaines IL 60018
(847) 827-9910
FAX (847) 827-9918
1-800-886-2282
Home page: http://pubweb.acns.nwu.edu/~lberko/abta-html/abta1.htm
E-mail: ABTA@AOL.com

- *provides educational materials, promotes excellence in patient care and advocates for innovative research.*

American Chronic Pain Association
PO Box 850
Rocklin CA 95677
(916) 632-0922

- *provides a support system for those suffering from chronic pain and helps people deal with pain in a positive way.*

American Cleft Palate/Craniofacial Association and Cleft Palate Foundation
1218 Grandview Ave
Pittsburgh PA 15211
(412) 481-1376
1-800-24-CLEFT (1-800-242-5338)

- *provides a list of cleft palate/craniofacial teams and support groups.*

American Parkinson's Disease Association Inc.
1250 Hylan Blvd
Staten Island NY 10305
(718) 981-8001
FAX (718) 981-4299
1-800-223-2732
Home page: http://neuro-chief-e.mgh.harvard.edu/parkinsonsweb/Main/PDmain.html
E-mail: APDA@ADMIN.CON2, COM.

- *offers support groups, referrals and educational materials.*

Amytrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Association
21021 Ventura Blvd, Ste 321
Woodland Hills CA 91364
(818) 340-7500
FAX (818) 340-2060
1-800-782-4747
Home page: http://www.alsa.org
E-mail: eajc27b@prodigy.com

- *funds research for Lou Gehrig's disease; provides educational materials and referrals to support groups nationwide.*

Ataxia Telangiectasia Children's Project
398 W Camino Gardens Blvd, Ste 104
Boca Raton FL 33432
(561) 395-2621
FAX (561) 395-2640
1-800-5-HELP-AT (543-5728)
Home page: http://www.med.jhu.edu/ataxia/
E-mail: bradmargus@delphi.com

- *a nonprofit organization that raises funds from individuals, foundations and corporations to accelerate international research for finding a cure and improving the lives of children with Ataxia Telangiectasia.*

Battens Disease Support and Research Association
2600 Parsons Ave
Columbus OH 43207-2972
1-800-448-4570
Home page: http://www.infolane.com/bdsra
E-mail: BDSRA1@aol.com

- *provides information, referrals and emotional support for families affected by Battens disease; maintains a support registry.*

Beckwith-Wiedeman Support Network
3206 Braeburn Cr
Ann Arbor MI 48108
(313) 973-0263 (professionals)
FAX (313) 973-9721
1-800-837-2976 (families)
E-mail: A800BWSN@aol.com

- *a nonprofit organization that provides information, increases both public and professional awareness and encourages research aimed at the cause, early detection and treatment of Beckwith-Wiedeman or Simpson-Golabi-Bemel syndromes.*

Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders-CORD
PO Box 814
Coaldale Alberta
Canada T1M 1M7
(403) 345-3948
FAX (403) 345-3948
E-mail: CORD@bulli.sas.ab.ca

- *provides a network of support for individuals affected by rare disorders.*

Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association
601 Upland Ave
Upland PA 19015
(610) 499-7486
FAX (610) 499-7487
1-800-606-CMTA
E-mail: CMTAssoc@aol.com

- *provides information and support to families, medical professionals, research scientists and others regarding Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease.*

Cherub Association of Families and Friends of Limb Disorder Children Inc.
936 Delaware Ave
Buffalo NY 14209
(716) 762-9997

- *provides support and information to families of children with limb disorders.*

Children's Brain Disease Foundation
350 Parnassus Ave, Ste 900
San Francisco CA 94117
(415) 565-6259
FAX (415) 863-3452

- *provides funds for Batten disease research and information to parents who have children with the disease.*

Children's Craniofacial Association
9441 LBJ Freeway, Ste 175
Dallas TX 75243
1-800-535-3643
Home page: http://www.Masterlink.com/Masterlink/children

- *provides financial, medical and emotional support and educational materials to craniofacial patients and their families.*

Citizens for Independence in Living and Breathing
78 Golfwood Hgts
Toronto ON
Canada M9P 3M2
V/FAX (416) 244-2248

- *promotes choice, control and independence through education and information for current and prospective ventilator users with restrictive respiratory insufficiency.*

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Carolinas' Chapter
301 E 7th St, Ste 202
Charlotte NC 28202
(704) 344-0329
FAX (704) 344-1864
1-800-336-0329

- *provides educational material to families and referrals to care centers and support groups.*

Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
One E Wacker Dr, Ste 2430
Chicago IL 60601-1905
(312) 755-0198
FAX (312) 803-0138
1-800-377-DYST (voice mail only)
Home page: http://www.zipnet/users/dystonia/
E-mail: dystfndt@aol.com

- *researches causes and treatments of dystonia and sponsors patient and family support groups and programs.*

Epilepsy Association of the Midlands
Logan Community School
815 Elmwood Ave
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 733-6210
(803) 929-3948
FAX (803) 733-6210

- *provides advocacy services, self-help groups, information and referrals, educational materials, vocational counseling, and individual and family counseling.*

Epilepsy Foundation of America
4351 Garden City Dr
Landover MD 20785-2267
1-800-332-1000
Home page: http://www.efa.org
E-mail: postmaster@efa.org

- *provides referrals to affiliate and other advocacy services, self-help groups, clinic services, vocational counseling and individual and family counseling; responds to comprehensive information requests, conducts literature research and supplies educational materials on epilepsy and seizure disorders.*

Family Connection of SC Inc.
2712 Middleburg Dr, Ste 103B
Columbia SC 29204
Columbia (803) 252-0914
Greenville (864) 455-6213
FAX Columbia (803) 799-8017
FAX Greenville (864) 455-6299
1-800-578-8750
E-mail: FAMCONN@COLUM.MINDSPRING.COM

- *nonprofit, statewide support network for families of children with developmental delay, disability or chronic illness; fosters family-to-family support and communication between families and professionals through statewide conferences and support groups; provides one-to-one matches to parents by disability or chronic illness for emotional and informational support; provides specialized training to parents to become support parents and provides Family Partners, by health district, to families with children who are eligible for BabyNet, South Carolina's early intervention program; publishes a quarterly newsletter, "The Link,"; publishes a listing of support groups in South Carolina; provides information and resources; all services are free.*

Family Support Network
SC Alliance for the Mentally Ill
PO Box 2538
Columbia SC 29202
(803) 779-7849
FAX (803) 779-2655
1-800-788-5131
Home page: http://www.netside.com/~scami
E-mail: scami@netside.com

- *offers statewide family support, training and information to families of children with emotional, behavioral or mental disorders.*

Fatty Oxidation Disorder Family Support Group
805 Montrose Dr
Greensboro NC 27410
(910) 547-8682
FAX (910) 547-0196
Home page: http://www.cinternet.net/FOD
E-mail: GouldDan@aol.com

- *a parent organization offering support and printed materials to FOD families and interested professionals.*

Fetal Alcohol Education Program
Boston University School of Medicine
1975 Main St
Concord MA 01742
(508) 369-7713

- *conducts research and promotes education to prevent, identify and treat alcohol-related birth defects; helps develop attitudes, skills and knowledge for the treatment of addicted pregnant women and their children.*

Foundation for Nager and Miller Syndromes
1827 Grove St, #2
Glenview IL 60025
(847) 724-6449
FAX (847) 724-6449
1-800-507-3667

- *an information clearinghouse about Nager and Miller syndromes for families and professionals; an international support group helping those affected by these disabilities.*

Gazette International Networking Institute
4207 Lindell Blvd, #110
St. Louis MO 63108
(314) 534-0475
FAX (314) 534-5070
E-mail: givi-intl@msn.com

- *a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the independent living, self-direction, dignity and personal achievement of people with disabilities; maintains an extensive library and provides responses to specific inquiries, targeting polio survivors and users of home mechanical ventilation.*

Guardians of Hydrocephalus Research Foundation
2618 Ave Z
Brooklyn NY 11235
(718) 743-GHRF (4473)
FAX (718) 743-1171
1-800-458-8655

- *offers a nationwide information and referral service to people with hydrocephaly.*

Huntington's Disease Society of America
140 W 22nd St, 6th Fl
New York, NY 10011-2420
(212) 242-1968
FAX (212) 243-2443
1-800-345-4372

- *provides written and audiovisual materials; makes referrals to local support groups, chapter social workers, physicians, nursing homes and other local resources; supports research regarding the causes, treatment and care of Huntington's Disease.*

Hydrocephalus Research Foundation
1670 Green Oak Cr
Lawrenceville GA 30243
(770) 995-9570
E-mail: Ann_Liakos@atlmug.org

- *supports research; provides information and referrals.*

International Polio Network
4207 Lindell Blvd, #110
St. Louis MO 63108-2915
(314) 534-0475
FAX (314) 534-5070
E-mail: gini-intl@msn.com

- *provides information and referral services for polio survivors and ventilator users.*

Intractable Seizure Disorder Support Group
26 Stavola Rd
Middletown NJ 07748
(908) 957-0714

- *provides a support newsletter to families of children with uncontrolled seizure disorder.*

John Douglas French Alzheimer's Foundation
11620 Wilshire Blvd, Ste 820
Los Angeles CA 90025
(310) 445-4650
FAX (310) 479-0516
1-800-477-2243

- *funds Alzheimer's research; provides information.*

Multiple Sclerosis Society
2711 Middleburg Dr, Ste 105
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 799-7848
1-800-922-7591

- *provides information and referral, support groups, equipment loans, respite care, educational programs, emergency financial assistance, counseling groups and employment information.*

Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)
Program Services Dept.
3300 E Sunrise Dr
Tucson AZ 85718
(520) 529-2000
FAX (520) 529-5300
1-800-572-1717
Home page: http://www.mdausa.org
E-mail: 74431.2513@compuserve.com

- *supports research and treatments for muscular dystrophy and related neuromuscular disorders.*

National Ataxia Foundation
750 Twelve Oaks Center
15500 Wayzata Blvd
Wayzata MN 55391-1490
(612) 473-7666
FAX (612) 473-9289
Home page: http://www.ataxia.org
E-mail: naf@mr.net

- *provides families with information about hereditary ataxia and makes referrals for medical services, diagnostic services, genetic counseling and family planning services.*

National Easter Seal Society
230 W Monroe, Ste 1800
Chicago IL 60606-4802
(312) 726-6200
FAX (312) 726-1494
1-800-221-6827
TTY (312) 726-4258
Home page: http://www.seals.com
E-mail: nessinfo@seals.com

- *provides services to people with disabilities; operates 409 Easter Seal service sites across the US.*

National Epilepsy Library
4351 Garden City Dr
Landover MD 20785-2267
1-800-332-4050
Home page: http://www.efa.org
E-mail: postmaster@efa.org.

- *provides detailed information on epilepsy to physicians, allied health professionals and researchers.*

National Fragile X Foundation
1441 York St, Ste 303
Denver CO 80206
(303) 333-6155
FAX (303) 333-4369
1-800-688-8765
Home page: http://www.FragileX.org
E-mail: NATFRAGX@IX.NETCOM.COM

- *provides information and promotes research and education about fragile X.*

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Information Clearinghouse (NIDCD)
1 Communications Ave
Bethesda MD 20892-3456
FAX (301) 907-8830
1-800-241-1044
Hereditary Hearing Impairment Research Register: 1-800-320-1171
TTY 1-800-241-1055
Home page: http://www.nih.gov/nidcd
E-mail: nidcd@aeric.

- *provides information and a resource directory to patients, families and professionals.*

National Leighs Disease Foundation
608 E Waldron St
PO Box 2222
Corinth MS 38835
(601) 286-2551
FAX (601) 286-2551
1-800-819-2551

- *promotes medical research regarding the causes and treatment of leighs disease; provides nonfinancial support to families and fosters a network of communication among families.*

National Multiple Sclerosis Society
733 3rd Ave
New York NY 10017-3288
FAX (212) 986-7981
1-800-344-4867
Home page: http://www.nmss.org
E-mail: info@nmss.org

- *provides funding for research, public and professional education, advocacy and the design of rehabilitative and psychosocial programs; 140 local chapters provide direct services, such as counseling, referral, aquatics and other social/recreational support activities.*

National Neurofibromatosis Foundation
95 Pine St, 16th Fl
New York NY 10005
FAX (212) 747-0004
1-800-323-7938
Home page: http://www.nf.org
E-mail: NNFF@aol.com

- *nonprofit organization that provides information and assistance to professionals and the public; promotes research into the causes and cures of neurofibromatosis.*

National Niemann Pick Disease Foundation Inc.
22201 Riverpoint Trail
Carrollton VA 23314
(804) 357-6774
V/FAX (804) 357-6774

- *provides support, information, newsletters, family conferences and referral services to families of children with Niemann Pick disease; funds research for Niemann Pick disease.*

National Parkinson's Foundation
1501 NW 9th Ave
Miami FL 33136
1-800-327-4545
Home page: http://www.parkinson.org
E-mail: mailbox@npf.med.miami.edu

- *provides funds to support research and patient care.*

Neurofibromatosis Inc.
8855 Annapolis Rd, Ste 110
Lanham MD 20706-2924
(301) 577-8984
FAX (301) 577-0016
1-800-942-6825
Home page: http://members.gnn.com/NFINC/page1.htm
E-mail: NFINC@gnn.com

- *provides information and support to people with Neurofibromatosis, professionals and the general public; provides printed materials, newsletters and a video.*

Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS)
PO Box 11705
Columbia SC 29211
(803) 779-7257
1-800-723-7257

- *an HIV/AIDS service organization that provides practical and emotional support to South Carolinians living with HIV or AIDS.*

Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)
801 Eighteenth St NW
Washington DC 20006
(202) USA-1300

- *service organization that advocates for veterans regarding quality health care, research and education of spinal cord injury and dysfunction, benefits available, civil rights and opportunities that maximize the independence of members.*

Parents and Researchers Interested in Smith-Magenis Syndrome (PRISMS)
11875 Fawn Ridge Ln
Reston VA 22094
(703) 709-0568
E-mail: acmsmith@nchgr.nih.gov

- *offers a network of support for families and professionals interested in Smith-Magenis syndrome; promotes research; provides an information clearinghouse.*

Parkinson's Disease Foundation
710 W 168th St
New York NY 10032
FAX (212) 923-4778
1-800-457-6676
E-mail: PDFCPMC@aol.com

- *provides funding for research of Parkinson's disease and related disorders; offers a quarterly newsletter, physician referrals, counseling, advocacy and support groups.*

Polio Survivors Association
12720 La Reina Ave
Downey CA 90242
(310) 862-4508

- *provides information, educational materials, and referrals to support groups across the country.*

Prader-Willi Syndrome Association
2510 S Brentwood Blvd, Ste 220
St. Louis MO 63144
FAX (314) 962-7869
1-800-926-4797
Home page: http://www.athenet.net ~PWSA-USA/index.html
E-mail: PWSAUSA@aol.com

- *provides information, advocacy and support for families of children who have Prader-Willi syndrome.*

The MAGIC Foundation
1327 N Harlem Ave
Oak Park IL 60302
(708) 383-0808
1-800-362-4423 (Parent Help Line)
Home page: http://www.nettap.com/~magic

- *a national nonprofit organization that provides support for families of children with chronic and/or critical disorders, syndromes and diseases that affect their growth. Diseases include growth hormone deficiency, Turner syndrome, congenital adrenal hyperplasia, precocious puberty, thyroid disorders, McCune-Albright syndrome, Russell-Silver syndrome and Down syndrome with growth hormone deficiency.*

The Myelin Project
1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Ste 950
Washington DC 20006
(202) 452-8994
FAX (202) 785-9578
E-mail: myelin@erols.com

- *promotes research of myelin repair in the central nervous system or illnesses such as multiple sclerosis, the leukodystrophies, and other myelin disorders.*

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
PO Box 5801
Bethesda MD 20824
(301) 496-5751
FAX (301) 402-2186
1-800-352-9424
Home page: http://www.nih.gov:80/ninds/

- *conducts research to develop improved methods for the prevention and treatment of neurological disorders.*

The National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS)
1819 H St NW, Ste 750
Washington DC 20006
(202) 785-4585
FAX (202) 466-6456

- *a nonprofit organization committed to raising public awareness about fetal alcohol syndrome and fetal alcohol effect; seeks to implement innovative ideas in prevention, intervention and advocacy.*

Tourette Syndrome Association Inc.
42-40 Bell Blvd
Bayside NY 11361
(718) 224-2999
FAX (718) 279-9596
1-800-237-0717
Home page: http://neuro-www2.mgh.harvard.edu/tsa/tsamain.nclk
E-mail: tourette@xi.netcom.com

- *provides referrals, counseling services, parent support groups, regional and national conferences and information to families and professionals.*

Treacher Collins Foundation
PO Box 683
Norwich VT 05055
(802) 649-3050
1-800-TCF-2055

- *a support organization of families, individuals and professionals interested in Treacher Collins syndrome and related conditions.*

United Cerebral Palsy Association Inc.
1660 L Street NW, Ste 700
Washington DC 20036
1-800-USA-5UCP (872-5827)
V/TTY (202) 842-1266

- *provides support and assistance to people with cerebral palsy and their families.*

United Parkinson's Foundation
833 W Washington Blvd
Chicago IL 60607
(312) 733-1893
E-mail: UPF_ITF@msn.com

- *an international, nonprofit organization that provides literature, exercise materials and an extensive referral service to guide patients to proper diagnosis and clinical care; supports neurologic research.*

Von Hippel Lindau Family Alliance
171 Clinton Rd
Brookline MA 02146
(617) 232-5946
FAX (617) 734-8233
1-800-767-4VHL (4845)
Home page: http://neurosurgery.mgh.harvard.edu/vhl-fa/
E-mail: vhl@pipeline.com

- *provides a newsletter, clinical care centers, tissue banks and a research database to persons affected by Von Hippel Lindau disease, their physicians and families.*

DISCRIMINATION—SEE ADA ON PAGE 60

DOWN SYNDROME—SEE MENTAL RETARDATION ON PAGE 126

DYSLEXIA

Dyslexia Research Institute Inc.
Woodland Hall Academy
4745 Centerville Rd
Tallahassee FL 32308-2899
(904) 893-2216
FAX (904) 893-2440

- *offers an academy, parent information, adult education, advocacy and research for people with dyslexia and attention deficit disorder.*

National Dyslexia Research Foundation
333 Park Ave
PO Box 393
Boca Grande FL 33921
1-800-824-7323

- *provides research information to professionals and patients; offers referrals nationwide.*

The Orton Dyslexia Society
8600 LaSalle Rd
Chester Bldg, Ste 382
Baltimore MD 21286-2044
(410) 296-0232
FAX (410) 321-5069
1-800-ABCD123
Home page: http://ods.org
E-mail: info@ods.org

- *provides effective teaching approaches and related clinical educational intervention strategies for people with dyslexia, supports interdisciplinary study and research, facilitates the exploration of causes and early identification of dyslexia and provides materials about dyslexia.*

EARLY INTERVENTION

Early Childhood Resource Center
University of South Carolina
Center for Developmental Disabilities
Columbia SC 29208
(803) 935-5278
E-mail: kgharde@univscvm.csd.sc.edu

- *provides books, videos, audio tapes and articles for family members, professionals and other individuals seeking information about disabilities; emphasis on young children with disabilities.*

Early Childhood Special Education In-service/Consultation Network - Program for Exceptional Children
Department of Educational Psychology
College of Education, University of SC
Columbia SC 29208
(803) 777-5743
FAX (803) 777-3045

- *provides a registry of professionals who offer consultation; provides information for preschool children with disabilities.*

Epworth Children's Home
2900 Millwood Ave
PO Box 50466
Columbia SC 29250
(803) 256-7394
V/FAX (803) 212-4799

- *provides center-based and home-based early intervention services for preschoolers with special needs; provides summer camp services for school age children with mental retardation.*

National Birth Defects Center
40 Second Ave, Ste 460
Waltham MA 02154
(617) 466-9555
FAX (617) 487-2361

- *provides diagnosis and treatment of children born with birth defects, genetic diseases or mental retardation, a national birth defects registry, prenatal exposure testing and parent matching.*

SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)
2600 Bull St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-5000
FAX (803) 734-2848

- *DHEC administers the following early intervention programs:*
- *DHEC's BabyNet program provides services to infants and toddlers with developmental delays and diagnosed disabilities. For a list of services in your area, call 1-800-922-1107; (803) 935-4050 in Columbia.*
- *The Bureau of Maternal and Child Health has developed a strong public care system that complements the private health system across the state. The Division of Women and Children's Services provides clinical services through local health departments that include: prenatal care in underserved areas, routine health screens (EPSDT), immunizations, laboratory tests, lead tests, developmental assessments, vision and hearing testing, health education (anticipatory guidance), dental screening, injury prevention activities, nutrition and social work assessment and interventions, parenting classes and counseling and other activities that promote health development. Health departments also provide primary family support services to women, children and families when risk factors are identified which require assessment, treatment and follow up. For more information, call (803) 737-4000.*
- *The Division of WIC Services administers the Woman, Infant and Children (WIC) supplemental food program.*
- *The Division of Children's Rehabilitative Services provides comprehensive evaluations and referrals for children with physical disabilities through local health departments. Services include: subspecialty physician services; speech, physical, occupational and recreational therapy; summer camp; medical supplies; special formulas; nutrition and health education.* *(See page 42.)*
For more information, call (803) 737-4040.

Appalachia I (Anderson, Oconee)
220 McGee Rd, Anderson SC 29625
(864) 260-5541, FAX (864) 260-5676

Appalachia II (Greenville, Pickens)
PO Box 2507, 200 University Ridge
Greenville SC 29602
(864) 467-8800, FAX (864) 467-8038

Appalachia III (Cherokee, Spartanburg, Union)
PO Box 4217, 151 E Wood St
Spartanburg, SC 29305-4217
(864) 596-3334, FAX (864) 596-2192

Catawba (Chester, Lancaster, York)
PO Box 817
1833 Pageland Hwy
Lancaster SC 29721
(803) 286-9948, FAX (803) 286-5418

Edisto (Bamberg, Calhoun, Orangeburg)
PO Box 1126, 550 Carolina Ave
Orangeburg SC 29116
(803) 536-9060, FAX (803) 536-9118

Low Country (Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, Jasper)
1407 King St, Beaufort SC 29902
(803) 525-7603, FAX (803) 525-7621

Lower Savannah (Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell)
828 Richland Ave West, Aiken SC 29801
(803) 642-1603, FAX (803) 642-1619

Palmetto (Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry, Richland)
2000 Hampton, Columbia SC 29204
(803) 929-6530, FAX (803) 929-6522

Pee Dee (Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marlboro, Marion)
145 E Cheves St, Florence SC 29506
(803) 661-4830, FAX (803) 661-4835

Trident (Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester)
334 Calhoun St, Charleston SC 29401
(803) 724-5800, FAX (803) 724-5814

Upper Savannah (Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Saluda)
PO Box 3227, 1736 S Main St, Greenwood SC 29648
(864) 942-3600, FAX (864) 942-3690

Waccamaw (Georgetown, Horry, Williamsburg)
800 21st Avenue North, Myrtle Beach SC 29577-7424
(803) 448-8407, FAX (803) 448-7499

Wateree (Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee, Sumter)
PO Box 1628, 105 North Magnolia St,
Sumter SC 29150
(803) 773-5511, FAX (803) 773-6366

The Blind Children's Center
4120 Marathon St
Los Angeles CA 90029
(213) 664-2153
FAX (213) 665-3828
Home page: http://www.blindcntr.org/bcc
E-mail: info@blindcntr.org

- *a family-centered agency that serves children with visual impairments from birth to 5 years of age.*

The Blind Children's Fund
2875 Northwind Dr, Ste 211
East Lansing MI 48823
(517) 333-1725
FAX (517) 333-1730

- *a clearinghouse and information center for teachers, parents and others concerned with the early development and education of visually handicapped preschool children.*

EDUCATION

American Association for the Advancement of Science
Education and Human Resources
Project on Science, Technology and Disability
1200 New York Ave NW
Washington DC 20005
FAX (202) 371-9849
V/TTY (202) 326-6649
E-mail: vstern@aaas.org

- *an information center that links people with disabilities, their families, professors, teachers and counselors with scientists, mathematicians and engineers who have disabilities and can share coping strategies in education and career advancement in technical fields.*

American Printing House for the Blind
1839 Frankfort Ave
PO Box 6085
Louisville KY 40206-0085
(502) 895-2405
FAX (502) 899-2274
1-800-223-1839
E-mail: APH@IGLOV.com

- *nonprofit company that creates products for vision impaired people of all ages; products include CCTV magnifiers, cassette tape recorders, braille magazines and books in braille and large print.*

Citizens for Advancement of the Physically Handicapped (CAPH)
1620 Goldfinch Ln
W Columbia SC 29169-5422
(803) 796-6493

- *statewide organization that encourages fellowship among people with disabilities, advocates for disability rights, promotes the abilities of people with disabilities, supports public transportation for people with disabilities and provides devices for daily living and educational scholarships when possible.*

Health Resource Center
One Dupont Cr NW, Ste 800
Washington DC 20036-1193
FAX (202) 833-4760
1-800-544-3284
V/TTY (202) 939-9320
E-mail: heath@acnche.edu

- *a national clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities.*

Mobility International USA
PO Box 10767
Eugene OR 97440
FAX (541) 343-6812
V/TTY (541) 343-1284
E-mail: miusa@igc.apc.org

- *provides opportunities for people with disabilities to travel and participate in educational exchange programs.*

National Academy for Teaching and Learning about Aging
University of North Texas
PO Box 13438
Denton TX 76203-6438
(817) 565-3450
FAX (817) 565-4370

- *serves as a clearinghouse of information on issues of aging, education and intergenerational programs; provides professional speakers and workshop leaders; encourages K-12 education about aging-related topics and works to create a social environment for people of all ages.*

National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS)
1819 H St NW, Ste 750
Washington DC 20006
(202) 785-4585
FAX (202) 466-6456

- *a nonprofit organization committed to raising public awareness about fetal alcohol syndrome and fetal alcohol effect; seeks to implement innovative ideas in prevention, intervention and advocacy.*

Parents Reaching Out to Parents (PRO-Parents)
2712 Middleburg Dr, Ste 102
Columbia SC 29204
FAX (803) 252-4513
V/TTY 1-800-759-4776
V/TTY (803) 779-3859
E-mail: PROPARENTS@ aol.com

- *a nonprofit organization for and by parents of children with special needs; provides information, trains parents, holds workshops, and provides referrals to support groups and networks.*

Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic Inc.
20 Roszel Rd
Princeton NJ 08540
(609) 452-0606
FAX (609) 987-8116
1-800-221-4792 Customer Service
Home page: http://www.rfbd.org

- *provides educational and professional books to people with print disabilities.*

SC Department of Education
Office of Exceptional Children
1429 Senate St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-8806
FAX (803) 734-8624

- *ensures that children with disabilities, ages 3 through 21, have free, appropriate public education, that the rights of children and their parents are protected and that school districts have assistance in providing for children's education.*

SC School for the Deaf and the Blind
355 Cedar Springs Rd
Spartanburg SC 29302-4699
(864) 585-7711
FAX (864) 585-3555

- *a specialized instructional and resource center that provides services statewide for deaf, blind and sensory multidisabled individuals, their families and professionals. SCSDB offers programs for preschool, elementary, high school, sensory multidisabled, vocational and postsecondary students as well as outreach and support services. SCSDB operates regional centers statewide.*

Schools Hot Line
ADA National Access for Public Schools
Adaptive Environments Center
374 Congress St, Ste 301
Boston MA 02210
V/TTY 1-800-893-1225
V/TTY (617) 695-1225

- *resource center for questions and answers regarding the Americans with Disabilities Education Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Act.*

The Blind Children's Fund
2875 Northwind Dr, Ste 211
East Lansing MI 48823
(517) 333-1725
FAX (517) 333-1730

- *a clearinghouse and information center for teachers, parents and others concerned with the early development and education of visually handicapped preschool children.*

US Department of Education
Office of Special Education
330 C St SW, Rm 3086
Switzer Bldg
Washington DC 20202-2570
TTY (202) 205-8241
V/TTY (202) 205-8723

- *responsible for programs relating to the free appropriate public education of children and youth with disabilities.*

Very Special Arts
1300 Connecticut Ave NW, Ste 700
Washington DC 20036
(202) 628-2800
FAX (202)737-0725
1-800-933-8721
V/TTY (202) 737-0645
Home page: http://www.vsarts.org.

- *promotes arts education and creative expression, involving children and adults with disabilities, thereby strengthening the human spirit and improving the quality of life for all.*

Very Special Arts SC
1300 Pickens St
PO Box 643
Columbia SC 29202
(803) 931-0620
FAX (803) 254-0320

- *serves as a resource and an accessibility advocate for people with disabilities in all areas of the arts — arts education, cultural experience, and professional development, with the intent that such access is necessary for reaching toward life's potential.*

EMOTIONAL DISABILITY

Family Service Center
1800 Main St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 733-5450
1-800-922-5651
E-mail: fsccola@ix.netcom.com

- *provides individual, marriage and family counseling; children's dental clinics; family life enrichment; and employee assistance programs to help strengthen and enhance families' and individuals' functioning.*

Office of the Governor
Continuum of Care for Emotionally Disturbed Children
220 Stoneridge Dr, Ste 300
Columbia SC 29210
(803) 253-6272
FAX (803) 253-6400

- *provides case management and treatment for emotionally disturbed children who are not in the custody of DSS.*

SC Department of Mental Health
Services for People with Developmental Disabilities
PO Box 485
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-7758
FAX (803) 734-7848

- *provides a full range of community and inpatient services to citizens of all ages who are emotionally disturbed or psychiatrically disabled.*

SC Self-Help Association Regarding Emotion (SC SHARE)
427 Meeting St
West Columbia SC 29169
(803) 739-5712
1-800-832-8032

- *a statewide organization offering self-help to people with mental or emotional difficulties.*

South Carolina Mentor
3200 Devine St
Columbia SC 29205
(803) 799-9025
1-800-636-8676

- *provides an active treatment environment to prepare children to return home from institutions or to move to a less restrictive setting; allows children to maximize personal growth and independence, stabilize emotional disorders, and develop a healthy self-concept.*

York Place
Episcopal Church Home for Children
234 King's Mountain St
York SC 29745
(803) 684-8005
FAX (803) 628-1632

- *a residential treatment facility for children ages 6 to 12 with severe emotional handicaps.*

Dole Foundation for Employment of People with Disabilities
1819 H St NW, Ste 340
Washington DC 20006
FAX (202) 457-0473
V/TTY (202) 457-0318

- *a nonprofit foundation that focuses on competitive employment for people with disabilities.*

Helen Keller National Center
111 Middle Neck Rd
Sands Point NY 11050
(516) 944-8900
FAX (516) 944-7302
TTY (516) 944-8637

- *provides skills training and support to enable people who have hearing and sight disabilities to live and work in the community of their choice; services include rehabilitation, job placement, referral, advocacy, consultation and more.*

Mainstream Inc.
3 Bethesda Metro Center, Ste 830
Bethesda MD 20814
(301) 654-2400
FAX (301) 654-2403
V/TTY (301) 654-2400
E-mail: mainstrm@aol.com

- *a private, nonprofit organization that works with employers and rehabilitation professionals to help employ people with disabilities.*

President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
1331 F St NW, Ste 300
Washington DC 20004-1107
(202) 376-6200
FAX (202) 376-6219
V/TTY (202) 376-6205

- *promotes people with disabilities for employment.*

SC Employment Security Commission
1550 Gadsden St
PO Box 1406
Columbia SC 29202
(803) 737-2593
FAX (803) 737-0140
V/TTY 1-800-436-8190 (ADA Information)
V/TTY (803) 737-0391
Home page: http://SCJOB.SCES.ORG;
E-mail: RRATTERREE@SCES.ORG

- *a free, public employment service that administers the unemployment insurance program and serves as grantee for the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA); 39 job service offices available statewide.*

SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department (VRD)
1410 Boston Ave
PO Box 15
W Columbia SC 29171-0015
(803) 896-6500
FAX (803) 896-6525

- *VRD, through a statewide service delivery system, provides, plans and coordinates rehabilitation services for people with disabilities who meet eligibility requirements outlined in the law and regulations leading to job placement at the competitive employment level. The agency also serves some school-aged people with disabilities in an effort to support their transition into the work environment. Services include assessment for determining eligibility and vocational rehabilitation needs; counseling, guidance and referral;*

physical and mental restoration services; vocational and other training services; placement in suitable employment and follow-up; and other goods and services that can help an individual with a disability become gainfully employed.

The Workshop Production Program provides individuals with disabilities actual work experience in industrial-type settings established in the Department's local rehabilitation centers throughout the state. These centers provide complete vocational evaluations as well as personal, social and work adjustment training programs that help people make the transition to competitive employment.

The Department operates a network of statewide facilities designed to provide specialized services to individuals with various types of severe disabilities. This includes facilities and services in settings operated by the departments of Mental Health, Corrections and Juvenile Justice, the Workers' Compensation Program, Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, VA Hospital, Roger C. Peace Rehabilitation Institute in Greenville, Medical University of South Carolina, as well as the two residential rehabilitation centers for substance abusers operated by VRD.

The Department also has service staff located in some of South Carolina's 90 school districts and serves students with disabilities from its area offices in the other districts.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Evaluation Center is a multidisciplinary program for individuals with severe disabilities. This facility is a 30-bed residential facility that offers medical services (including a chronic pain program); occupational therapy; personal and social adjustment; and industrial rehabilitation, including work-hardening, psychological services, speech therapy and vocational evaluation.

The Muscular Development Center offers aquatic, physical recreational and exercise therapies.

Other programs include the Computer Training Program and the Rehabilitation Engineering Program. The Center for Rehabilitation Technology Services (CRTS)

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is a rehabilitation engineering center funded to develop service delivery models for assistance technology in the vocational rehabilitation process. (See page 50.)

Second Injury Fund
220 Executive Center Dr, Ste 119
Columbia SC 29210
(803) 798-2722
FAX (803) 798-5290

- *encourages employment of individuals with disabilities by reimbursing employers a portion of workers' compensation costs when an employee with a disability is injured on the job.*

US Department of Education
Rehabilitation Services Administration
330 C St SW, Rm 3030
Switzer Bldg
Washington DC 20202-2531
V/TTY (202) 205-8241
V/TTY (202) 205-8723

- *administers programs to support employment and independence for individuals with disabilities.*

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ESTATE PLANNING

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)
PO Box 1492
Washington DC 20013-1492
V/TTY 1-800-695-0285
V/TTY (202) 884-8200
Home page: http:www.aed.org/nichcy

- *offers printed materials about estate planning for people who have disabilities.*

Office of the Governor
Developmental Disabilities Council
Edgar A Brown Bldg, Ste 372
1205 Pendleton St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-0465
FAX (803) 734-0241
TTY (803) 734-1147

- *provides a resource planning guide to help families plan the financial future for their family member with a disability.*

The Arc
500 E Border St, Ste 300
Arlington TX 76010
FAX (817) 277-3491
1-800-433-5255
For TTY, dial 1-800-855-1155 and ask the operator to place a collect call (817) 277-0553.
Home page: http://The Arc.org/welcome.html
E-mail: thearc@metronet.com

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

EVALUATION AND PLANNING

Chapel Hill Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication Handicapped Children (TEACCH) Center
CB 7180 University of NC at Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill NC 27599-7180
(919) 966-5156

- *provides evaluation and diagnostic services for children with autism, and provides support and educational information to parents.*

Children's Rehabilitation Services
2000 Hampton St
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 929-6405

- *a health care program that provides medical evaluation and treatment to children with special health care needs.*

FAMILY SUPPORT

Abiding Hearts
PO Box 5245
Bozeman MT 59717
(406) 587-7421
FAX (406) 587-7197
V/TTY 1-800-233-3131
Home page: http://www.ethicsmedia.com
E-mail: hearts@imt.net

- *provides a national support group for parents who are continuing pregnancy after a prenatal diagnosis of fatal or nonfatal birth defects; offers a list of contact people, helpful books addressing topics of concerns and a Family's Bill of Rights.*

Any Baby Can
5410 Fredericksburg Rd, Ste 104
San Antonio TX 78229
(210) 377-0222
FAX (210) 377-0497

- *a support center for families of children from birth through age 12 who are chronically ill or have a disability.*

Family Connection of SC Inc.
2712 Middleburg Dr, Ste 103B
Columbia SC 29204
Columbia (803) 252-0914
Greenville (864) 455-6213
FAX Columbia (803) 799-8017
FAX Greenville (864) 455-6299
1-800-578-8750
E-mail: FAMCONN@COLUM.MINDSPRING.COM

- *nonprofit, statewide support network for families of children with developmental delay, disability or chronic illness; fosters family-to-family support and communication between families and professionals through statewide conferences and support groups; provides one-to-one matches to parents by disability or chronic illness for emotional and informational support; provides specialized training to parents to become support parents and provides Family Partners, by health district, to families with children who are eligible for BabyNet, South Carolina's early intervention program; publishes a quarterly newsletter, "The Link"; publishes a listing of support groups in South Carolina; provides information and resources; all services are free.*

Family Resource Center on Disabilities
20 E Jackson Blvd, Rm 900
Chicago IL 60604
(312) 939-3513
TTY (312) 939-3519

- *provides information, training, support, referrals and publications to professionals and families of people with disabilities.*

Family Support Network
SC Alliance for the Mentally Ill
PO Box 2538
Columbia SC 29202
(803) 779-7849
FAX (803) 779-2655
1-800-788-5131
Home page: http://www.netside.com/~scami
E-mail: scami@netside.com

- *offers statewide family support, training and information to families of children with emotional, behavior or mental disorders.*

National Center for Youth with Disabilities
University of Minnesota
PO Box 721
420 Delaware St SE
Minneapolis MN 55455
(612) 626-2825
FAX (612) 626-2134
TTY (612) 624-3939
Home page: http://www.peds.umn.edu/centers/ncyd
E-mail: ncyd@gold.tc.umn.edu

- *an information, policy and resource center focusing on adolescents with chronic illness and disability and the issues that surround their transition to adult life.*

National Tuberous Sclerosis Association
8181 Professional Place, Ste 110
Landover, MD 20785
(301) 459-9888
FAX (301) 459-0394
1-800-225-6872
E-mail: ntsa@asl.com

- *provides a national network for family support and the education of medical and allied professionals.*

SC Alliance for the Mentally Ill
PO Box 2538
Columbia SC 29202
(803) 779-7849
1-800-788-5131
Home page: http://www.netside.com/~scami
E-mail: SCAMI@netside.com

- *provides educational programs, support groups, classes and literature for families who have relatives diagnosed with serious mental illness.*

The Caring Connection
Vince Moseley Center
41 Bee St
Charleston SC 29425
(803) 792-0669
FAX (803) 792-6799
1-800-424-6872

- *a network of families, trained support parents, students, teachers and health care professionals who give support to individuals with special needs and their families.*

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Children's Rehabilitation Services
2000 Hampton St
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 929-6405

- *a health care program that provides medical evaluation and treatment to children with special health care needs.*

Hear Now
9745 E Hampden Ave, Ste 300
Denver CO 80231
(303) 695-7797
FAX (303) 695-7789
1-800-648-4327

- *assists deaf and hard of hearing people with limited financial means in obtaining hearing aids and cochlear implants.*

Office of the Governor
Division of Victim Assistance
1205 Pendleton St, Ste 401
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-1900
FAX (803) 734-1708

- *provides financial assistance to eligible crime victims.*

SC Department of Social Services (DSS)
1535 Confederate Ave Ext
PO Box 1520
Columbia SC 29202-1520
(803) 734-6179
FAX (803) 734-5597
1-800-768-5700

- *administers Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment, Food Stamp and Medicaid programs.*

SC State Housing Finance and Development Authority
919 Bluff Rd
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-2000
FAX (803) 734-2356
TTY (803) 734-2369

- *provides affordable housing opportunities for people with low-to-moderate incomes; including rental assistance, below-market interest rates for loans and down-payment assistance for home ownership.*

GENETIC COUNSELING

Alliance of Genetic Support Groups
35 Wisconsin Cr, Ste 440
Chevy Chase MD 20815
(301) 652-5553
FAX (301) 654-0171
1-800-336-GENE (4363)
Home page: http://medhlp.org/www/agsg.htm
E-mail: alliance@capaccess.org

- *provides a forum where consumers and professionals come together to identify and address issues of availability, accessibility and appropriateness of services for individuals, families and support groups. The alliance provides publications and makes referrals to genetic counselors.*

Greenwood Genetic Center
1 Gregor Mendel Cr
Greenwood SC 29646
(864) 941-8100
FAX (864) 941-8114
1-888-442-4363 (1-888-GGC-GENE)
Home page: http://www.ggc.org
E-mail: ell@ggc.org

- *a nonprofit organization that delivers comprehensive genetic services and counseling; provides up-to-date genetic education; conducts genetic research.*

Hereditary Disease Foundation
1427 7th St, Ste 2
Santa Monica CA 90401
(310) 458-4183
FAX (310) 458-3937
E-mail: 75051.3604@compuserve.com

- *a nonprofit organization that supports research of genetic illnesses, offers workshops and provides research tissue to scientists.*

Lissencephaly Network
716 Autumn Ridge Ln
Fort Wayne IN 46804
V/FAX (219) 432-4310
Home page: http://www.ghgcorp.com/lissnet
E-mail: DiannaFitz@aol.com

- *provides genetic counseling, information, an international support network and a toy-lending library to families of people with Lissencephaly.*

Low Country Genetics
Medical West
1483 Tobias Gadson Blvd, Ste 102
Charleston SC 29407
(803) 766-2500
FAX (803) 766-2315

- *offers genetic counseling.*

March of Dimes - SC Chapter
240 Stoneridge Dr
One Greystone Bldg, Ste 206
Columbia SC 29210
(803) 252-5200
FAX (803) 799-4549

- *seeks to prevent birth defects and lower infant mortality through advocacy, research and education.*

March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
1275 Mamaroneck Ave
White Plains NY 10605
(914) 428-7100
FAX (914) 997-4763
1-888-modimes (663-4637)
TTY (914) 997-4764
Home page: http://www.modimes.org
E-mail: ResourceCenter@modimes.org

- *seeks to prevent birth defects and lower infant mortality through advocacy, research and education.*

National Ataxia Foundation
750 Twelve Oaks Center
15500 Wayzata Blvd
Wayzata MN 55391-1490
(612) 473-7666
FAX (612) 473-9289
Home page: http://www.ataxia.org
E-mail: naf@mr.net

- *provides families with information about hereditary ataxia and makes referrals for medical services, diagnostic services, genetic counseling and family planning services.*

National Foundation for Jewish Genetic Diseases Inc.
250 Park Ave, Ste 1000
New York NY 10177
(212) 371-1030

- *provides information about the eight most common Jewish genetic diseases and makes referrals for genetic counseling.*

National Tay-Sachs and Allied Diseases Association
2001 Beacon St
Brookline MA 02146
(617) 277-4463
FAX (617) 277-0134
1-800-90NTSAD
E-mail: NTSAD-Boston@worldnet.att.net

- *links parents of children with Tay-Sachs disease and provides educational materials.*

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HEALTH INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of SC
Home Office: (803) 788-0222 / 1-800-288-2227
Medicare Beneficiary Services: (803) 788-3882
SC Health Insurance Pool: (803) 736-0043
1-800-868-2503

- *provides health care coverage to South Carolinians.*

CHAMPUS
Palmetto GBA
PO Box 202000
Florence SC 29502
1-800-403-3950

- *CHAMPUS' Program for the Handicapped provides financial help to active duty family members for the care, training and rehabilitation of a husband, wife or child who has a serious physical disability or moderate or severe mental retardation. A spouse or child of a deceased active member may quality if all of the following requirements are met:*
- *the person has not reached age 21;*
- *the person was receiving assistance under the Program for the Handicapped at the time of the member's death; and*
- *the member died after Jan. 1, 1967, while eligible for hostile-fire pay or from a disease or illness incurred while eligible for such pay.*

For more information about the program and about CHAMPUS in general, refer to the CHAMPUS handbook, contact the CHAMPUS representative at the nearest military facility, or the CHAMPUS claims processor for your state. Any of these sources can give you specific information about the benefits under CHAMPUS and the Program for the Handicapped and about what to do if you are entitled to benefits under Medicare, Medicaid, etc.

SC Department of Insurance
1612 Marion St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 737-6180
FAX (803) 737-6231
1-800-768-3467
Home page: http://www.state.sc.us/doi

- *provides information and investigates complaints about individual policies.*

SC Department of Social Services-Medicaid
1535 Confederate Ave Ext
PO Box 1520
Columbia SC 29202-1520
(803) 734-6179
FAX (803) 734-5597
1-800-768-5700

- *Medicaid is a grant-in-aid program in which the federal and state governments share the cost of medical care for people in need who have low income. The rules for Medicaid coverage vary from state to state. A person who is eligible for Medicaid in South Carolina is not necessarily eligible for coverage in another state.*
- *A person applying for Medicaid as an SSI recipient must apply at the local Social Security office. Generally, an individual who is approved for SSI will automatically receive Medicaid. Applications for all other coverage groups are made at the county DSS office in the county in which the person lives.*
- *Individuals who are approved for Medicaid receive a Medicaid card at the beginning of each month. They must take the card with them when they receive medical services.*
- *If a person has private health insurance that pays for a medical service, the insurance is the primary payer. Medicaid does not pay for services that the private health insurance company is legally obligated to pay.*
  Within limits, Medicaid will pay for services that are medically necessary. There are strict limits on the types of care covered by Medicaid. Some services are limited by the number of visits during the fiscal year. (The fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30 of each year.)
  Medicaid may pay for the services listed:
  Mandatory
- *Inpatient hospital services*
- *Outpatient hospital services*
- *Physicians' visits*
- *Inpatient physician visits*
- *Early and periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment*
- *Vision care*
- *Dental services*
- *Rural health clinic services*

- *Laboratory and X-ray*
- *Ambulance transportation*
- *Medical transportation*
- *Podiatrist's services*
- *Skilled nursing facility services*
- *Therapy*
- *Inpatient hospital services for individuals age 65 or older in institutions for tuberculosis or mental disease*
- *Mental health clinic services*

Optional

- *Durable medical equipment*
- *Prescription drugs*
- *Intermediate Care Facility services*
- *Inpatient psychiatric services for individuals under age 22*

A person can have both Medicaid and Medicare. For a person who has both, Medicaid will pay the monthly Medicare premium, coinsurance and deductible plus other Medicaid services that are not covered by Medicare.

SC Health Insurance Pool
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of SC
Home Office: (803) 788-0222
Medicare Beneficiary Services:
(803) 788-3882
SC Health Insurance Pool:
(803) 788-0500, Ext 42757
1-800-868-2500, Ext 42757

- *People unable to get private health insurance coverage now have the opportunity through the SC Health Insurance Pool. The Pool was created by the General Assembly to help people who couldn't get health insurance coverage from any other source, including people with certain disabilities. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina administers the Pool. Coverage is available to people who have been state residents for at least six months and meet the following criteria:*
- *they were turned down for private health insurance coverage for health reasons; or*
- *they were accepted for private health insurance, but have existing illnesses or conditions excluded from coverage, and have had these conditions for more than 12 months; or*
- *they are paying other health insurance premiums that are costlier than the premium levels established when the Pool was created. Other eligibility requirements may also apply. Pool benefits are comparable to many private insurance company plans. The Pool pays 80 percent of allowed charges for covered hospital inpatient and outpatient treatment, physician services and some*

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other medical care.
Persons covered by the Pool pay the remaining 20 percent and must meet a $500 deductible each year, before Pool coverage begins to pay. Prescription drugs are covered at 50 percent after this deductible is met.
Monthly premiums are determined by the person's age and gender. There is no family coverage under the Pool. Each policy is for individual coverage.
As administrator, Blue Cross and Blue Shield processes claims, determines eligibility and handles all services required to operate the Pool.

Social Security Administration District Office-Medicare
1835 Assembly St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 929-7635
1-800-772-1213

- *Medicare provides health insurance for people aged 65 and over and for people with certain disabilities.*
There are two parts to the Medicare program. Hospital insurance (Part A) helps pay for inpatient hospital care, some inpatient care in a skilled nursing facility, home health care and hospice.
Medical insurance (Part B) helps pay for doctor's services, outpatient hospital services and a number of other medical services and supplies.
Both types of coverage have amounts that must be paid out-of-pocket by the beneficiary (premiums, deductible, etc.).
To apply for Medicare, contact the Social Security office.
Medicare is administered directly by the Health Care Financing Administration and contracted with private insurance agencies such as Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Social Security Administration District Office
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
1835 Assembly St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 929-7635
1-800-772-1213

- *SSI provides a monthly check to people who are unable to support themselves due to age, disability or blindness. These people must have limited income and resources.*
Eligibility is based on the extent of disability; ability for substantial, gainful work; and financial resources.
Persons eligible for SSI are automatically entitled to Medicaid benefits.
For more information about eligibility and dependency requirements, contact your local Social Security office.

The Arc Medical Plan
Albert H Wohlers Insurance
1440 N NW Hwy
Park Ridge IL 60068
1-800-323-2106

- *health care plan for people with disabilities and their families.*

HEARING DISABILITY

Acoustic Neuroma Association
PO Box 12402
Atlanta GA 30355
(404) 237-8023
FAX (404) 237-2704
Home page: http://132.183.175.10/ana/
E-mail: ANAUSA@AOL.COM

- *provides information and support to people affected by Acoustic Neuroma or other benign tumors of the cranial nerves.*

ADARA: Professionals Networking for Excellence in Service Delivery with Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
PO Box 251554
Little Rock AR 72225
FAX (501) 868-8812
V/TTY (501) 868-8850
E-mail: ADARAHvie@AOL.com

- *provides professional opportunities for people who have a hearing disability.*

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf
3417 Volta Place NW
Washington DC 20007-2778
FAX (202) 337-8314
V/TTY (202) 337-5220

- *provides training for professionals, promotes public awareness, conducts research and provides educational opportunities for people with hearing impairments.*

American Society for Deaf Children
2848 Arden Way, Ste 210
Sacramento CA 95825
FAX (916) 482-0121
1-800-942-ASDC (2732)
V/TTY (916) 482-0120
E-mail: ASDC1@aol.com

- *advocates for quality education and family and community involvement for children with hearing disabilities; offers information and support to families.*

Auditory-Verbal International Inc.
2121 Eisenhower Ave, Ste 402
Alexandria VA 22314
(703) 739-1049
FAX (703) 739-0395
TTY (703) 739-0874
Home page: http://www.digitalnation.com/AVI
E-mail: AVI@csgi.com

- *provides services to children with hearing loss who are learning to listen and speak.*

Better Hearing Institute
PO Box 1840
Washington DC 20013
(703) 642-0580
FAX (703) 750-9302
V/TTY 1-800-EAR WELL (327-9355)

- *a nonprofit educational organization that implements national public information programs on hearing loss and available medical, surgical, hearing aid and rehabilitation assistance for people with uncorrected hearing impairments; offers a toll-free hearing helpline.*

Deaf-Blind Link
The National Clearinghouse on
Children who are Deaf-Blind
345 N Monmouth Ave
Monmouth OR 97361
FAX (503) 838-8150
1-800-438-9376
TTY 1-800-854-7013
Home page: http://www.tr.wosc.osshe
.edu/dblink
E-mail: dblink@tr.wosc.osshe.edu

- *identifies, coordinates and disseminates information related to children and youth who are deaf-blind to parents, service providers, administrators and others.*

Dogs for the Deaf
10175 Wheeler Rd
Central Point OR 97502
FAX (541) 826-6696
V/TTY (541) 826-9220

- *trains hearing dogs to alert people with deafness to certain sounds; assigns dogs on the basis of a prioritized waiting list; places dogs free of charge, nationwide.*

Hear Now
9745 E Hampden Ave, Ste 300
Denver CO 80231
(303) 695-7797
FAX (303) 695-7789
1-800-648-4327

- *helps people who have hearing disabilities and have limited financial means to obtain hearing aids and cochlear implants.*

Helen Keller National Center
111 Middle Neck Rd
Sands Point NY 11050
(516) 944-8900
FAX (516) 944-7302
TTY (516) 944-8637

- *provides skills training and support to enable people who are deaf-blind to live and work in the community of their choice; services include rehabilitation, job placement, referral, advocacy, consultation and more.*

International Hearing Dog Inc.
5901 E 89th Ave
Henderson CO 80640
(303) 287-3277
FAX (303) 287-3425
TTY (303) 287-3277

- *trains dogs to "hear" for deaf persons.*

National Association of the Deaf
814 Thayer Ave
Silver Spring MD 20910-4500
(301) 587-1788
TTY (301) 587-1789

- *provides programs and activities that include grassroots advocacy and empowerment, captioned media, certification of American Sign Language and Deaf Studies professionals, deafness-related information and publications, legal assistance, policy development and research, public awareness, sign language interpreter certification and youth leadership development.*

National Information Center on Deafness
Gallaudet University
800 Florida Ave NE
Washington DC 20002-3695
(202) 651-5051
FAX (202) 651-5054
TTY (202) 651-5052
Home page: http://www.gallaudet.edu/~nicd
E-mail: nicd@gallux.gallaudet.edu

- *provides up-to-date, objective information about deafness and hearing loss; responds to questions from the general public and deaf and hard of hearing people, their families and professionals who work with them; collects, develops and disseminates information on deafness, hearing loss and services and programs related to people with hearing loss.*

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Information Clearinghouse (NIDCD)
1 Communications Ave
Bethesda MD 20892-3456
FAX (301) 907-8830
1-800-241-1044
Hereditary Hearing Impairment Research Register: 1-800-320-1171
TTY 1-800-241-1055
Home page: http://www.nih.gov/nidcd
E-mail: nidcd@aeric.

- *provides information and a resource directory to patients, families and professionals.*

Network for Hearing and Visually Impaired
7510 Oceanfront Ave
Virginia Beach VA 23451
(757) 428-9036
FAX (757) 428-0019

- *network of support groups working with children and adults with autism who also are either hearing- or sight-impaired.*

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID)
8630 Fenton St, Ste 324
Silver Spring MD 20910
(301) 608-0050
FAX (301) 608-0508
E-mail: 72620.3143@compuserve.com

- *membership organization including professional interpreters and translators, individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and professionals in related fields.*

SC Association of the Deaf
1735 Augusta Rd
W Columbia SC 29169
(803) 794-3175
FAX (803) 796-1133
TTY (803) 794-7059

- *an advocacy organization that protects the rights of people with hearing disabilities; offers an information clearinghouse and referral service.*

SC Chapter of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People Inc.
PALCO (Palmetto Columbia Chapter)
PO Box 2074
Columbia SC 29202
V/TTY (803) 788-6057

- *support and educational group for people with hearing disabilities, their families and friends.*

SEE Center for the Advancement of Deaf Children
PO Box 1181
Los Alamitos CA 90720
FAX (310) 795-6614
V/TTY (310) 430-1467

- *information and referral center for parents and educators of hearing impaired children; conducts workshops on education-related communications topics.*

Self Help for Hard of Hearing People Inc.
7910 Woodmont Ave, Ste 1200
Bethesda MD 20814
(301) 657-2248
FAX (301) 913-9413
TTY (301) 657-2249
Home page: http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/shhh
E-mail: 71162.634@compuserve.com

- *educates people with hearing disabilities and their families and friends about the causes of hearing loss; local affiliates available.*

Telecommunications for the Deaf Inc.
8719 Colesville Rd, Ste 300
Silver Spring MD 20910
(301) 589-3786
FAX (301) 589-3797
TTY (301) 589-3006
E-mail: TDIOffices@aol.com

- *a national advocacy and consumer organization for technology and information of visual telecommunications.*

The Deaf-Blind Link
Western Oregon State College
345 N Monmouth Ave
Monmouth OR 97361
FAX (503) 838-8150
1-800-438-9376
TTY 1-800-854-7013
Home page: http://www.tr.wosc.osshe.edu/dblink
E-mail: dblink@tr.wosc.osshe.edu

- *identifies, coordinates and disseminates information to parents, service providers, administrators and others regarding children and youth who are deaf-blind.*

University of South Carolina
Speech and Hearing Center
1601 St Julian Pl
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 777-2614
FAX (803) 253-4143

- *provides screenings, diagnostic evaluations, and remediation services for speech and language disorders in children and adults; provides consultation regarding assistive listening devices and augmentative/alternative communication.*

Voice for Hearing Impaired Children
124 Eglinton Ave W, Ste 420
Toronto ON
Canada M4R 2GB
(416) 487-7719
FAX (416) 487-7423

- *offers parent-to-parent support and auditory-verbal therapy to hearing impaired infants and children.*

HOME HEALTH

Community Long-Term Care
SC Department of Health and
Environmental Control
2600 Bull St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 737-3960
FAX (803) 734-3352
E-mail: Griffidg@columb62.dhec.state.sc.us

- *provides skilled health care services such as nursing care, medical social services, registered dietitian, home health aide and occupational, physical and speech therapy. Services are provided to people of any age who are confined to their homes because of illness or injury. Home health services are available statewide through your local county health department.*

National Association for Home Care
228 7th St SE
Washington DC 20003
(202) 547-7424
Home page: http://www.nahc.org
E-mail: Webmaster@nahc.org

- *provides information to consumers on home health care; advocates for consumer rights and promotes quality health care.*

HOUSING

Center for Universal Design
North Carolina State University
School of Design
Box 8613
Raleigh NC 27695-8613
FAX (919) 515-3023
1-800-647-6777
V/TTY (919) 515-3082
Home page: http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/design/cud
E-mail: cahd@ncsu.edu

- *provides technical assistance, materials, guidelines, literature and referrals to people with mobility, sight and hearing disabilities.*

Habitat for Humanity International
121 Habitat St
Americus GA 31709-3498
1-800-HABITAT (422-4828)
E-mail: Wanda_S._Averett@habitat.org.

- *builds houses in partnership with low-income families; houses may include some accessible features.*

Independent Living Research Utilization Program
The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research
2323 S Shepherd, Ste 1000
Houston TX 77019
(713) 520-0232
FAX (713) 520-5785
TTY (713) 520-5136
Home page: http://www.bcm.tmc.edu/ilru
E-mail: ilru@bcm.tmc.edu

- *a national center for information, training and technical assistance in independent living.*

National Home of Your Own Alliance
Institute of Disability/UPA
University of New Hampshire
7 Leavitt Ln, Ste 101
Durham NH 03824-3522
FAX (919) 515-3023
1-800-220-8770
TTY (919) 515-3082
Home page: http://alliance.unh.edu
E-mail: CAHD@NCSU.EDU

- *a national information and technical assistance program that promotes greater choice and control in housing opportunities for people with disabilities.*

Telamon Corporation
PO Box 12217
1413 Calhoun St
Columbia SC 29211-2217
(803) 256-7411

- *a nonprofit organization that provides accessible home remodeling and construction for people with disabilities; housing service office located in Florence.*

INCLUSION - SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Disability Action Center
3126 Beltline Blvd
Columbia SC 29204
Charleston (803) 852-5503
Columbia (803) 779-5121
Conway (803) 248-8220
Florence (803) 665-5589
Greenville (864) 235-1421

- *provides counseling, independent-living skills training, peer support groups, a statewide registry of certified personal care attendants, referral services, community education, and individual and systems advocacy to people with disabilities; regional offices located in Charleston, Conway, Florence and Greenville.*

Helen Keller National Center
111 Middle Neck Rd
Sands Point NY 11050
(516) 944-8900
FAX (516) 944-7302
TTY (516) 944-8637

- *provides skills training and support to enable people who are deaf-blind to live and work in the community of their choice; services include rehabilitation, job placement, referral, advocacy, consultation and more.*

National Organization on Disability
910 16th St NW, Ste 600
Washington DC 20006
(202) 293-5960
FAX (202) 293-7999
TTY (202) 293-5968
Home page: http://www.nod.org

- *a national disability network organization working to increase employment opportunities, address architectural barriers and transportation needs, and help integrate people with disabilities into community and religious life; provides manuals, training guides and technical assistance.*

Parents Reaching Out to Parents (PRO-Parents)
2712 Middleburg Dr, Ste 102
Columbia SC 29204
FAX (803) 252-4513
V/TTY 1-800-759-4776
V/TTY (803) 779-3859
E-mail: PROPARENTS@ aol.com

- *a nonprofit organization for and by parents of children with special needs; provides information, trains parents, holds workshops, and provides referrals to support groups and networks.*

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities Inc. (P&A)
3710 Landmark Dr, Ste 208
Columbia SC 29204
Charleston (803) 763-8571
Columbia (803) 782-0675
Florence (803) 662-0752
Greenville (864) 235-0273
FAX (803) 790-1946
Charleston 1-800-743-2553
Columbia 1-800-800-6997
Florence 1-800-868-0752
Greenville 1-800-758-5212
V/TTY 1-800-922-5225
V/TTY (803) 782-0639

- *a private, nonprofit organization that provides a variety of protection and advocacy services for people with disabilities; regional offices located in Charleston, Columbia, Florence and Greenville.*

SC Association of Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
SC Commission for the Blind
1430 Confederate Ave
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-7566
1-800-922-2222

- *promotes full participation in education and improved access to employment opportunities for people with visual impairments.*

The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (TASH)
29 W Susquehanna Ave, Ste 210
Baltimore MD 21204
(410) 828-TASH (8274)
FAX (410) 828-6706
TTY (410) 828-1306
Home page: http://www.tash.org
E-mail: info@tash.org

- *advocates for equal opportunities, inclusive education, progressive legislation and litigation.*

INDEPENDENT LIVING

Disability Action Center
3126 Beltline Blvd
Columbia SC 29204
Charleston (803) 852-5503
Columbia (803) 779-5121
Conway (803) 248-8220
Florence (803) 665-5589
Greenville (864) 235-1421

- *provides counseling, independent-living skills training, peer support groups, a statewide registry of certified personal care attendants, referral services, community education and individual and systems advocacy to people with disabilities; regional offices located in Charleston, Conway, Florence and Greenville.*

Independent Living Research Utilization Program
The Institute for Rehabilitation & Research
2323 S Shepherd, Ste 1000
Houston TX 77019
(713) 520-0232
FAX (713) 520-5785
TTY (713) 520-5136
Home page: http://www.bcm.tmc.edu/ilru
E-mail: ilru@bcm.tmc.edu

- *a national center for information, training and technical assistance in independent living.*

National Council on Independent Living
2111 Wilson Blvd, Ste 405
Arlington VA 22201
(703) 525-3406
FAX (703) 525-3409

- *offers information, referrals, advocacy and guides for people with disabilities regarding living independently.*

National Voluntary Organizations for Independent Living for the Aging
409 Third St S, Ste 200
Washington DC 20024
(202) 479-1200
Home page: http://www.ncoa.org
E-mail: carol.mcclendon@ncoa.org

- *educates and assists voluntary organizations that help develop in-home and community-based health care and social services designed to help older people remain in or return to their homes and live independently; encourages cooperation between voluntary organizations and the public; provides forum for organizations, agencies and consumer groups to share ideas and develop a network of services for aged.*

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral Center
PO Box 8250
Silver Spring MD 20907
FAX (301) 495-3334
1-800-438-4380
Home page: http://www.alzheimers.org/adear
E-mail: adear@alzheimers.org

- *an information and referral center for families and professionals.*

Direct Link for the disABLED, Inc.
PO Box 1036
Solvang CA 93464
FAX (805) 686-5285
V/TTY (805) 688-1603
Home page: http://www.directlinkup.com
E-mail: suzi@directlinkup.com

- *provides information and referral services for more than 7,000 health conditions, disabilities and rare disorders; makes referrals for education, employment and family support; provides legal services.*

Disability Action Center
3126 Beltline Blvd
Columbia SC 29204
Charleston (803) 852-5503
Columbia (803) 779-5121
Conway (803) 248-8220
Florence (803) 665-5589
Greenville (864) 235-1421

- *provides counseling, independent-living skills training, peer support groups, a statewide registry of certified personal care attendants, referral services, community education and individual and systems advocacy to people with disabilities; regional offices located in Charleston, Conway, Florence and Greenville.*

Family Resource Center on Disabilities
20 E Jackson Blvd, Rm 900
Chicago IL 60604
(312) 939-3513
TTY (312) 939-3519

- *provides information, training, support, referrals and publications to professionals and families of people with disabilities.*

Gazette International Networking Institute
4207 Lindell Blvd, #110
St. Louis MO 63108
(314) 534-0475
FAX (314) 534-5070

- *a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the independent living, self-direction, dignity and personal achievement of people with disabilities; maintains an extensive library and provides responses to specific inquiries.*

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)
PO Box 1492
Washington DC 20013-1492
V/TTY 1-800-695-0285
V/TTY (202) 884-8200
Home page: http:www.aed.org/nichcy
NICHCY

- *maintains a database, provides informational handouts and makes referrals on "orphan" diseases, rare disorders and syndromes; links parents of children with disabilities resulting from rare conditions.*

National Institute of Mental Health
Office of Scientific Information
Information Resources Inquiries Branch
5600 Fishers Ln, Rm 7C-02
Rockville MD 20857
(301) 443-4513
FAX (301) 443-4279
Depression Awareness, Recognition and Treatment Education Program:
1-800-421-4211
Panic and Other Anxiety Disorders Education Program:
1-800-64PANIC
1-800-8ANXIET
Home page: http://www.nimh.nih.gov
E-mail: nimhinfo@nih.gov
E-mail: nimhpubs@nih.gov

- *conducts and supports research that seeks to understand, treat and prevent mental illness; provides printed materials on such subjects as basic behavioral research, neuroscience of mental health, rural mental health, children's mental disorders, schizophrenia, paranoia, depression, bipolar disorder, seasonal affective disorder, learning disabilities, Alzheimer's disease, and panic, obsessive compulsive, and other anxiety disorders.*

National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)
PO Box 8923
New Fairfield CT 06812-8923
(203) 746-6518
FAX (203) 746-6481
1-800-999-6673
Home page: http://www.NORD-RDB.com/~orphan
E-mail: orhan@nord-rdb.com

- *a clearinghouse of information for rare disorders.*

National Parent-to-Parent Support and Information System
PO Box 907
Blue Ridge GA 30513
(706) 632-8822
FAX (706) 632-8830
1-800-651-1151
Home page: http://www.nppsis.org
E-mail: judd103w@wonder.em.cdc.gov

- *a nonprofit organization that links families whose children have special health care needs and rare disorders; encourages participation to organize advocacy aimed at improving access to the health care system.*

National Respite Network
800 Eastowne Dr, Ste 105
Chapel Hill NC 27514
(919) 490-5577
FAX (919) 490-4905
1-800-473-1727

- *promotes the development of respite options; provides information, training and referral services to families, caregivers and agencies.*

National Stroke Association
96 Inverness Dr E, Ste I
Englewood CO 80112-5112
(303) 649-9299
FAX (303) 649-1328
E-mail: info@stroke.org

- *reduces the incidence and impact of stroke through prevention, dialogue about medical treatment, rehabilitation, family support and research.*

National Tuberous Sclerosis Association
8181 Professional Place, Ste 110
Landover, MD 20785
(301) 459-9888
FAX (301) 459-0394
1-800-225-6872
E-mail: ntsa@asl.com

- *provides a national network for family support and the education of medical and allied professionals.*

Network on the Blind/Multi-handicapped Children and Adults
1912 Tracy Rd
Northwood OH 43619
(419) 666-6212

- *offers support and referral services to children and adults with multiple disabilities.*

Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)
801 Eighteenth St NW
Washington DC 20006
(202) USA-1300

- *service organization that advocates for veterans regarding quality health care, research and education of spinal cord injury and dysfunction, benefits available and civil rights and opportunities that maximize the independence of members.*

SC Program Assistance Line (PAL)
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
PO Box 142
Columbia SC 29202
V/TTY (803) 734-2050

- *a statewide information and referral service, helping individuals find appropriate public and private human service agencies/programs to address their needs and to advocate for people who have difficulty receiving services.*

LEARNING DISABILITY

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders (CHADD)

499 NW 70th Ave, Ste 101
Plantation FL 33317
(954) 587-3700
FAX (954) 587-4599
1-800-233-4050 Information Voice Mail
Home page: http://www.chadd.org/

- *serves people affected by attention deficit disorders and similar disabilities through family support and advocacy, public and professional education, and encouragement of scientific and educational research; 13 chapters serve South Carolina.*

CHADD offices:
Anderson CHADD (864) 375-0384
Beaufort (803) 838-2900
Central Savannah Region (803) 641-4623
District I Anderson (864) 855-2037
Greater Greenwood (864) 963-2506
Greenville (864) 963-2506
Lancaster/Kershaw (864) 286-4807
Salkehatchie (803) 259-2829
Spartanburg (864) 587-8756
Trident (803) 886-4533
Upstate (864) 882-8370
Waccamaw (803) 365-1225
York (803) 548-6701 (Chester, Lancaster, York)

Clearinghouse on Disability Information

Office of Special Education and
Rehabilitative Services
US Department of Education
Rm 3132 Switzer Bldg
Washington DC 20202-2524
V/TTY (202) 205-8141

- *responds to inquiries, provides referrals and disseminates information about services for people with disabilities at national, state and local levels.*

Dyslexia Research Institute Inc.

Woodland Hall Academy
4745 Centerville Rd
Tallahassee FL 32308-2899
(904) 893-2216
FAX (904) 893-2440

- *offers an academy, parent information, adult education, advocacy and research for people with dyslexia and attention deficit disorder.*

ERIC Clearinghouse on Disabilities & Gifted Education (ERIC/EC)

The Council for Exceptional Children
1920 Association Dr
Reston VA 22091-1589
FAX (703) 264-9494
V/TTY (703) 264-9474

- *educators of children with disabilities who advocate for government policies, set professional standards, provide professional development and assist other professionals in receiving appropriate conditions and resources; ERIC provides professional development opportunities, journals and newsletters about research, conventions, conferences and publications.*

Learning Disabilities Association of America
4156 Library Rd
Pittsburgh PA 15234-1349
(412) 341-1515
FAX (412) 344-0224
Home page: http://www.ldanatl.org

- *a national organization of parents and professionals interested in finding solutions to learning problems.*

Learning Disability Association of SC
103 Windmere
Greenville SC 29615
(864) 244-2579

- *addresses needs of people with learning disabilities and attention deficit disorders.*

LifeSavers
151 Meeting St
Charleston SC 29401
(803) 727-0077

- *provides ADD/ADHD training, problem solving and planning for school or work, resources and referrals of medical experts, support organizations and special programs and a daily coaching program.*

National Center for Learning Disabilities
381 Park Ave S, Ste 1420
New York NY 10016
(212) 545-7510

- *provides free information and referrals to people with learning disabilities, their families, professionals and educators.*

Parents Reaching Out to Parents (PRO-Parents)
2712 Middleburg Dr, Ste 102
Columbia SC 29204
FAX (803) 252-4513
V/TTY 1-800-759-4776
V/TTY (803) 779-3859
E-mail: PROPARENTS@aol.com

- *a nonprofit organization for and by parents of children with special needs; provides information, trains parents, holds workshops and provides referrals to support groups and networks.*

SC Department of Education
Office of Exceptional Children
1429 Senate St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-8806
FAX (803) 734-8624

- *ensures that children with disabilities, ages 3 through 21, have free, appropriate public education, that the rights of children and their parents are protected, and that school districts have assistance in providing for children's education.*

LEGAL

American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law
740 15th St NW, 9th Fl
Washington DC 20005
(202) 662-1720

- *works to improve the quality of life for children through advancements in law, justice and public policy.*

Direct Link for the disABLED, Inc.
PO Box 1036
Solvang CA 93464
FAX (805) 686-5285
V/TTY (805) 688-1603
Home page: http://www.directlinkup.com
E-mail: suzi@directlinkup.com

- *provides information and referral services for more than 7,000 health conditions, disabilities and rare disorders; referrals made for education, employment and family support; legal services provided.*

National Education Association Human and Civil Rights Equal Access Program
1201 16th St NW
Washington DC 20036
(202) 833-4000
(202) 822-7700
FAX (202) 822-7578

- *a membership association for teachers and education support personnel; provides legal services, publications and legislative advocacy to members.*

Palmetto Legal Services
2109 Bull St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 799-9668

- *provides free lawyers for low-income persons in civil (noncriminal) cases, such as housing, bankruptcy, SSI disability, unemployment, physical abuse divorces, AFDC, Food Stamps, Medicaid, and Medicare: serves twelve counties in the Midlands; clients must meet financial guidelines to receive free assistance.*

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities Inc. (P&A)
3710 Landmark Dr, Ste 208
Columbia SC 29204
Charleston (803) 763-8571
Columbia (803) 782-0675
Florence (803) 662-0752
Greenville (864) 235-0273
FAX (803) 790-1946 Columbia
Charleston 1-800-743-2553
Columbia 1-800-800-6997
Florence 1-800-868-0752
Greenville 1-800-758-5212
V/TTY 1-800-922-5225
V/TTY (803) 782-0639

- *a private, nonprofit organization that provides a variety of protection and advocacy services for people with disabilities; regional offices located in Charleston, Columbia, Florence and Greenville.*

Senate Subcommittee on Disability Policy
113 Hart Senate Office Bldg
Washington DC 20510
(202) 224-6265

- *develops legislation that aids people with disabilities.*

LIBRARY

National Epilepsy Library
4351 Garden City Dr
Landover MD 20785-2267
1-800-332-4050
Home page: http://www.efa.org
E-mail: postmaster@efa.org.

- *provides detailed information on epilepsy to physicians, allied health professionals and researchers.*

National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC)
8455 Colesville Rd, Ste 935
Silver Spring MD 20910
(301) 588-9284
FAX (301) 587-1967
1-800-346-2742
TTY (301) 495-5626
Home page: http://www.naric.com/naric

- *a national disability and rehabilitation library and information center that collects and disseminates the results of disability research projects.*

SC State Library
Department for the Blind
and Physically Handicapped
301 Gervais St
PO Box 821
Columbia SC 29202
(803) 737-9970
FAX (803) 737-9983
1-800-922-7818
TTY (803) 734-7298
Home page: http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/
E-mail: guynell@leo.scsl.state.sc.us

- *provides audio, braille and large print materials and play back equipment for people with blindness and other physical disabilities; disability certification required.*

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MENTAL HEALTH

Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
1021 Prince St
Alexandria VA 22314
(703) 684-7710
FAX (703) 836-1040
E-mail: ffcmh@crosslink.net

- *national parent-run organization for children and youth with emotional, behavioral or mental disorders and their families.*

Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health (SC Chapter)
The Village Program
1 Carriage Ln G
Charleston SC 29407
(803) 852-4125
FAX (803) 852-4130
E-mail: ffcmh@crosslink.net

- *a local parent-run organization for children and youth with emotional, behavioral or mental disorders and their families.*

Mental Health Association in SC
1823 Gadsden St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 779-5363
FAX (803) 779-0017
1-800-375-9894
Home page: http://www.state.sc.us/MHASC/
E-mail: MHASC@colum.mindspring.com

- *promotes mental health and prevention and treatment of mental illness through advocacy, public education and volunteer services.*

National Institute of Mental Health
Office of Scientific Information
Information Resources Inquiries Branch
5600 Fishers Ln, Rm 7C-02
Rockville MD 20857
(301) 443-4513
FAX (301) 443-4279
Depression Awareness, Recognition and Treatment Education Program:
1-800-421-4211
Panic and Other Anxiety Disorders Education Program:
1-800-64PANIC
1-800-8ANXIET
Home page: http://www.nimh.nih.gov
E-mail: nimhpubs@nih.gov
E-mail: nimhinfo@nih.gov

- *conducts and supports research that seeks to understand, treat, and prevent mental illness; provides printed materials on such subjects as basic behavioral research, neuroscience of mental health, rural mental health, children's mental disorders, schizophrenia, paranoia, depression, bipolar disorder, seasonal affective disorder, learning disabilities, Alzheimer's disease, and panic, obsessive compulsive, and other anxiety disorders.*

National Mental Health Association
1021 Prince St
Alexandria VA 22314
1-800-969-6642

- *promotes mental health, prevention and treatment of mental illness through advocacy, public education and volunteer services.*

SC Alliance for the Mentally Ill
PO Box 2538
Columbia SC 29202
(803) 779-7849
1-800-788-5131
Home page: http://www.netside.com/~scami
E-mail: SCAMI@netside.com

- *provides educational programs, support groups, classes and literature for families who have relatives diagnosed with serious mental illness.*

SC Self-Help Association Regarding Emotion (SC SHARE)
427 Meeting St
West Columbia SC 29169
(803) 739-5712
1-800-832-8032

- *a statewide organization offering self-help to people with mental or emotional difficulties.*

South Carolina Mentor
3200 Devine St
Columbia SC 29205
(803) 799-9025
1-800-636-8676

- *provides an active treatment environment to prepare children to return home from institutions or to move to a less restrictive setting; allows children to maximize personal growth and independence, stabilize emotional disorders and develop a healthy self-concept.*

MENTAL RETARDATION AND RELATED DISABILITIES

Advocacy Coalition for People with Disabilities
Contact: Linda Cecchetti
1064 Gardner Rd, Ste 306
PO Box 31050
Charleston SC 29417
(803) 852-5558

- *advocates for people with disabilities.*

American Association on Mental Retardation
444 N Capitol St NW, Ste 46
Washington DC 20001
FAX (202) 387-2193
1-800-424-3688
Home page: http://www.aamr.org
E-mail: AAMR@ACCESS.DIGEX.NET

- *sponsors an annual training institute for professionals involved in service, training and research for people with mental retardation.*

American Association on Mental Retardation - SC Chapter
Contact: Dr. Keri Weed
Dept of Psychology - USC at Aiken
171 University Pkwy
Aiken SC 29801
(803) 641-3220
E-mail: KERIW@AIKEN.SC.EDU

- *association for professionals involved in service, training and research for people with mental retardation.*

American Syringomyelia Alliance Project Inc.
PO Box 1586
Longview TX 75606-1586
(903) 236-7079
FAX (903) 757-7456
1-800-272-7282
Home page: http://www.dataprompt.com/syringo.html
E-mail: 102563.3507@compuserve.com

- *a clearinghouse for information about syringomyelia and chiari malformations.*

Anderson County Parent/Consumer Review Team & Anderson County Parents Club
Contact: Rainey Moody
and Betty Rudisill
212 McGee Rd
Anderson SC 29625
(864) 226-0373

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Arnold-Chiari Family Network
67 Spring St
Weymouth MA 02188
(617) 337-2368

- *provides family-to-family support and basic information about Arnold-Chiari malformations.*

Association for Children with Down Syndrome
2616 Martin Ave
Bellmore NY 11710
(516) 221-4700

- *a nonprofit organization that works at the national and local levels to promote the well-being of people with Down syndrome; provides information and services to children and young adults and holds an annual conference.*

Babcock Center Self Advocacy Groups
Contact: Ed Harmon
PO Box 3817
Columbia SC 29230
(803) 359-9717

- *provides vocational and social supports for people in Babcock Center workshops; monthly meetings are open to people enrolled in South Richland, North Richland and Lexington workshops; Employment Advisory Committee addresses concerns about work and employment for people with disabilities.*

Berkeley Citizens Consumer/Family Organization
Contact: Pamela Kirton
101 Bridgetown Rd, Apt 25C
Goose Creek SC 29445
(803) 553-6184

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Berkeley Citizens Inc - Self Advocacy Group
Contact: Susan Tillman
PO Drawer 429
Moncks Corner SC 29461
(803) 761-8513
(803) 853-9075
FAX (803) 899-4167

- *provides self-advocacy for people with disabilities.*

Brain Injury Association
1776 Massachusetts Ave NW, Ste 100
Washington DC 20036
(202) 296-6443
FAX (202) 296-8850
1-800-444-6443

- *answers questions, provides educational materials and makes referrals for people with brain injury; offers a network of 44 state associations to provide education, information and support; offers publications and national conferences.*

Brain Injury Association of SC (formerly South Carolina Head Injury Association)
PO Box 1912
Orangeburg SC 29116
(803) 533-1613
FAX (803) 531-3376
1-800-767-9701

- *offers education, support, prevention materials, advocacy and a listing of rehabilitation centers to survivors of brain injury and their families.*

Calhoun County DSN Board Consumer/Family Organization Council
Contact: Mary Williams
Rte 2
PO Box 341
St Matthews SC 29135
(803) 874-2484

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Cherokee DSN Board Consumer/Family Organization Council
Contact: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Bouwkamp
124 Laurel Ln
Gaffney SC 29341
(864) 487-2350

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Chester DSN Board Consumer/Family Organization Council
PO Box 246
Chester SC 29706
(803) 581-1091

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Children's PKU Network
1520 State St, Ste 240
San Diego CA 92101
(619) 233-3202
FAX (619) 233-0838

- *a nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing the special needs and concerns of all people involved in the treatment of phenylketonuria; encourages families to share information to make day-to-day life easier for those living with PKU and other inherited metabolic disorders.*

Chromosome 18 Registry and Research Society
6302 Fox Head
San Antonio TX 78247
(210) 657-4968
FAX (210) 657-4968
Home page: http://mars.uthscsa.edu/Society/
E-mail: CODY@UTHSCSA.EDU

- *an international nonprofit educational/research organization that maintains a database of patient families and publishes a newsletter for families; offers an annual conference.*

Clarendon County Parent Family Council
Contact: David Baker
PO Drawer 40
Manning SC 29102
(803) 473-7782

- *provides support to individuals with disabilities and their families.*

Coffin-Lowry Syndrome Foundation
13827 196th Ave SE
Renton WA 98059
(206) 204-9176
E-mail: M_C_HOFFMAN@MSN.com

- *a clearinghouse for information about Coffin-Lowry syndrome.*

Colleton County DSN Board Consumer/Family Organization Council
Contact: Barbara Meetze
Coastal Empire Mental Health
PO Box 478
Walterboro SC 29488
(803) 549-1551

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Cri Du Chat Syndrome
5p- Society
11609 Oakmont
Overland Park KS 66210
(913) 469-8900
FAX (913) 469-5246
E-mail: FIVEPMINUS@AOL.com

- *a volunteer organization of parents who provide parent-to-parent support to families of children with Cri Du Chat syndrome.*

Darlington County DSN Board Family Advisory Council
Contact: Miranda Loyd
714 Canal St
Hartsville SC 29550
(803) 332-1843

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Dorchester Board of DSN Family Committee
Contact: Jerry Rogers
Edisto Financial Services
3251 Landmark Dr, Ste 141
North Charleston SC 29418
(803) 871-8990

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Down Syndrome Association of the Lowcountry
PO Box 12905
Charleston SC 29442
(803) 553-DSAL
E-mail: pilchees@musc.edu

- *provides advocacy and information to people with Down syndrome and their families.*

Down Syndrome Family Alliance of Greenville
Contact: Peggy Vaughn
1021 Hudson Rd
Greenville SC 29615
(864) 294-4667

- *provides support to families of children with Down syndrome.*

Dubowitz Syndrome Support Group
PO Box 2441
Vincennes IN 47591
(812) 886-0575

- *provides information and support to families of children with Dubowitz syndrome.*

Fairfield County DSN Board Family Advisory Council
Contact: Larry Fowler
PO Box 367
Winnsboro SC 29180
(803) 635-2154

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Family Advisory Committee
Contact: Mary Robertson
504 S Hickory St
Pageland SC 29728
(803) 672-6335

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Family Connection of SC Inc.
2712 Middleburg Dr, Ste 103B
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 252-0914

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

Family/Friends Action Group of Aiken
Contact: Donald Paxton
1004 Tamarack Dr
North Augusta SC 29841
(803) 279-1470

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Freeman-Sheldon Syndrome Parent Support Group
509 E Northmont Way
Salt Lake City UT 84103
(801) 364-7060
Home page: http://members.aol.com/fspsg
E-mail: fspsg@aol.com

- *an international support group for families affected by this syndrome; promotes medical research.*

Friends for Fun
Contact: Elizabeth Barnes
PO Box 698
Aiken SC 29802
(803) 642-8800

- *provides recreation and self advocacy opportunities for high school students and adults with disabilities.*

Friends of DD
Contact: Walter Sparrow
PO Box 12810
Florence SC 29504
(803) 394-2754

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Friends of Persons with Disabilities
Contact: Jerome McKiver
PO Box 30
Rock Hill SC 29731
(803) 324-5161

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

GAR Consumer/Family Organization
Contact: Wade Barber
201 Park Ave
Greenville SC 29601
(864) 233-2721

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Georgetown County DSN Board Consumer/Family Council
Contact: Dorothy Foxworth
PO Box 1471
Georgetown SC 29442
(803) 546-8228

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Greenwood Family Consumer Group
Contact: David Hyde
604 Gatewood Dr
Greenwood SC 29646
(864) 223-1160

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Hampton County DSN Board Consumer/Family Organization Council
Contact: Leola Gethers
PO Box 236
Hampton SC 29924
(803) 943-2207

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Horry County ARC
Contact: Stanley Nixon
105 Ashwood Cr
Conway SC 29526-8900
(803) 347-8444

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

Hydrocephalus Association
870 Market St, Ste 955
San Francisco CA 94102
(415) 776-4713
Home page: http://neurosurgery.mgf.harvard.edu/ha/
E-mail: hydroassoc@aol.com

- *provides support, education, resources and advocacy to parents and professionals.*

International Rett Syndrome Association
9121 Piscataway Rd, Ste 2B
Clinton MD 20735
(301) 856-3334
FAX (301) 856-3336
1-800-818-7388
Home page:: http://www2.paltech.com/irsa/irsa.htm
E-mail: irsa@paltech.com

- *provides information and support to families of people with Rett syndrome.*

Jasper County DSN Board Family Support Group
Contact: Debra Hargrove
PO Box 747
Richland SC 29936
(803) 726-4499

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Joubert Syndrome Parents-In-Touch Network
12348 Summer Meadow Rd
Rock MI 49880
(906) 359-4707
FAX (906) 359-4707 call before faxing
E-mail: joubert@match.org

- *an international parent-to-parent network for sharing knowledge and experiences and providing emotional support to families; offers a networking list, newsletter and biennial conference.*

Kershaw County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs Self Advocacy Group
Contact: Joe Godlove
PO Box 310
Camden SC 29020
(803) 432-4841

- *focuses on vocational issues affecting adults with mental retardation, autism, or brain or spinal cord injuries.*

Lancaster County Family Support Group
Contact: Eva Richardson
264 Holiday Rd
Lancaster SC 29720
(803) 286-5674

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Laurens County Association for Retarded Citizens
Contact: Sara Burgess
PO Box 735
Laurens SC 29360-0735
(864) 682-3431

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

Lissencephaly Network
716 Autumn Ridge Ln
Fort Wayne IN 46804
V/FAX (219) 432-4310
Home page:: http://www.ghgcorp.com/lissnet
E-mail: DiannaFitz@aol.com

- *provides genetic counseling, information, an international support network and a toy-lending library to families of people with lissencephaly.*

Lowe Syndrome Association
222 Lincoln St
W Lafayette IN 47906
(317) 743-3634
E-mail: KAYEUULSA@AOL.COM

- *a membership organization that provides educational materials, support and referrals to professionals and families of children with Lowe syndrome.*

Marion-Dillon Parent Guardian Association
Contact: Nancy Hargrove
407 Curry St
Dillon SC 29536
(803) 774-9514

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Marlboro County DSN Board Consumer/Family Organization
Contact: Joyce Perkins
PO Box 1212
Bennettsville SC 29512
(803) 479-5370

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Midlands Center Family Council
Contact: Mary Barbara Kleckley
228 Rucker Rd
Chapin SC 29036
(803) 732-0158

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Moebius Syndrome Support Group
39521 Rowen Ct
Palmdale CA 93551
(805) 267-2570

- *provides information and support, as well as a newsletter, network list and conferences to families of people with Moebius syndrome.*

National Angelman Syndrome Foundation
PO Box 12437
Gainesville FL 32604
1-800-IF-ANGEL (432-6435)
E-mail: majordomo@tbag.osc.edu

- *provides family support and printed materials about Angelman syndrome.*

National Down Syndrome Congress
1605 Chantilly Dr, Ste 250
Atlanta GA 30324
(404) 633-1555
FAX (404) 633-2817
1-800-232-6372
Home page: http://www.carol.net/~ndsc/
E-mail: ndsc@charitiesusa.com

- *a nonprofit organization that works at the national and local levels to promote the well-being of people with Down syndrome; provides information and holds an annual conference.*

National Down Syndrome Society
666 Broadway
New York NY 10012
(212) 460-9330
FAX (212) 979-2873
1-800-221-4602
Home page: http://www.ndss.org

- *provides opportunity for achievement in community life for all people with Down syndrome through education, research and advocacy; provides a professionally staffed toll-free line for information and referral services.*

National Mucopolysaccharidosis Society
17 Kraemer St
Hicksville NY 11801
(516) 931-6338
FAX (516) 822-2041
Home page: http://www.byfalls.com/~jennd/mps
E-mail: Cohenzee@aol.com

- *provides support, referrals and information to professionals and families.*

National Phenylketonuria (PKU) Foundation
6301 Tejas Dr
Pasadena TX 77503
(713) 487-4802

- *provides a support network and directs families of children with phenylketonuria to appropriate services.*

Oconee ARC
Contact: Eugene Rusk
23032 McDonal Point Rd
Seneca SC 29672
(864) 882-7243

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

Orangeburg County DSN Board Consumer/Family Organization Council
Contact: Sallie Bodrick
448 Henley St
Orangeburg SC 29115
(803) 536-1371

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Our Voices Count, Too
Contact: Richard Troublefield or
Glenda Hyman-Singletary
PO Box 12810
Florence SC 29504
(803) 667-5997

- *offers education, awareness and self advocacy development, speakers bureau, legislative advocacy and public relations.*

PALS (People Always Lending Support)
Contact: Nancy Caffee
1040 Huntington Dr
Hartsville SC 29550
(803) 332-5488

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

PACT for Disabilities
Contact: Evelyn Reynolds
PO Box 310
Camden SC 29020
(803) 432-4841

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Parents/Relatives of Exceptional People (PREP)
Contact: Julia Merriweather
Rte 1 PO Box 565
Hemingway SC 29554
(803) 558-3689

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Parents and Everyone for Exceptional People (PEEP)
Contact: Debbie Rabon
935 Ridgehill Dr
Sumter SC 29154
(803) 481-5069

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Parents and Guardians Association of the Coastal Region
Contact: Mary Stanton
3602 Morse Ave
Johns Islands SC 29455
(803) 766-2863

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Parents and Researchers Interested in Smith-Magenis Syndrome (PRISMS)
11875 Fawn Ridge Ln
Reston VA 22094
(703) 709-0568
E-mail: acmsmith@nchgr.nih.gov

- *provides support and information to families of individuals with Smith-Magenis syndrome and to professionals.*

Parents Reaching Out to Parents (PRO-Parents)
2712 Middleburg Dr, Ste 102
Columbia SC 29204
V/TTY 1-800-759-4776
V/TTY (803) 779-3859

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

Pee Dee Regional Parent Council
Contact: Leroy Howard
5377 Keith Rd
Sumter SC 29150
(803) 494-8210

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

People First of Rock Hill
Contact: Denise Simpson
PO Box 30
Rock Hill SC 29731
(803) 324-5161

- *provides support and training for self advocates.*

People On the Go-The Arc of the Midlands
Contact: Kimberly McAllister
PO Box 8707
Columbia SC 29202
(803) 779-3610

- *provides information, education and training on effective self advocacy for adults with disabilities. Employment Advisory Committee addresses concerns about work and employment for people with disabilities.*

Pickens County Association for Retarded Citizens
Contact: Sam Jewell
PO Box 1691
Easley SC 29641
(864) 859-6696

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

Prader-Willi Syndrome Association
2510 S Brentwood Blvd, Ste 220
St. Louis MO 63144
FAX (314) 962-7869
1-800-926-4797
Home page: http://www.athenet.net
~PWSA-USA/index.html
E-mail: PWSAUSA@aol.com

- *provides information and advocacy for families of people with Prader-Willi syndrome.*

Prader-Willi Syndrome Association (SC)
1817 Pickens St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 779-2204
(803) 788-0544

- *provides information and advocacy to families of people with Prader-Willi syndrome.*

Richland-Lexington County DSN Board Consumer/Family Organization Council
Contact: Evelyn Gabriel
105 Columbia Club Dr W
Blythewood SC 29016
(803) 754-3106

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Rubinstein-Taybi Parent Group
PO Box 146
Smith Center KS 66967
(913) 697-2984

- *provides support and information to families who have children with Rubinstein-Taybi syndrome.*

Saleeby Center Parent Council
Contact: Phillip Steele
335 Stuckey St
Sumter SC 29150
(803) 773-4128

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

SC Down Syndrome Conference
Contact: Kay Richardson
PO Box 50466
Columbia SC 29250
(803) 256-7394
FAX (803) 212-4799

- *a nonprofit organization that works at the national and local levels to promote the well-being of people with Down syndrome; provides information and holds a biannual family conference.*

Self Advocacy Advisory Committee-Whitten Center
Contact: William Killion
PO Box 239
Clinton SC 29325
(864) 833-2733

- *provides opportunity for residents to learn self advocacy skills and address issues affecting people receiving services.*

South Carolina Mentor
3200 Devine St
Columbia SC 29205
(803) 799-9025
1-800-636-8676

- *provides an active treatment environment to prepare children to return home from institutions or to move to a less restrictive setting; allows children to maximize personal growth and independence, stabilize emotional disorders, and develop a healthy self-concept.*

Spartanburg County Family Advisory and Support Council
Contact: Sam Coakley
16 Woodwind Dr
Spartanburg SC 29302
(864) 585-3655

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Support Group for Monosomy 9p-
43304 Kipton Nickel Plate Rd
La Grange OH 44050
(216) 775-4255

- *provides information and support to families of people with monosomy 9p-.*

Support Organization for Trisomy 18, 13 and Related Disorders
2982 S Union St
Rochester NY 14624
(716) 594-4621
FAX (716) 594-4621
1-800-716-7638

- *provides information and support to families through books, videos and a quarterly newsletter.*

The Arc
500 E Border St, Ste 300
Arlington TX 76010
FAX (817) 277-3491
1-800-433-5255
For TTY, dial 1-800-855-1155 and ask the operator to place a collect call (817) 277-0553.
Home page: http://The Arc.org/welcome.html
E-mail: thearc@metronet.com

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families*

The Arc of South Carolina
Contact: Charles M. Luce
3502 Deerfield Dr
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 782-2250

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

The Arc of the Midlands
Advocates for the Rights of Citizens with Disabilities
500 Rivermont Dr
Columbia SC 29210
(803) 779-3610
FAX (803) 252-5981

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (TASH)
29 W Susquehanna Ave, Ste 210
Baltimore MD 21204
(410) 828-8274
FAX (410) 828-6706
TTY (410) 828-1306
Home page: http://www.tash.org
E-mail: info@tash.org

- *advocates for equal opportunities, inclusive education, progressive legislation and litigation.*

The Caring Connection
Vince Moseley Center
41 Bee St
Charleston SC 29425
(803) 792-0669
FAX (803) 792-6799
1-800-424-6872

- *a network of families, students, teachers and health care professionals who give support to individuals with special needs and their families.*

The Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation
60 Dyer Ave
Collinsville CT 06022-1273
(860) 693-0159
FAX (860) 693-6819
1-800-223-8355
1-800-753-2357
Home page: http://cdlsoutreach.org

- *an international, nonprofit family support group for people with Cornelia de Lange syndrome, promoting information, education and family services.*

Trisomy 9 International Parent Support (TIPS)
Children's Hospital of Michigan
3901 Beaubien Blvd
Detroit MI 48201-2196
(313) 745-4513
FAX (313) 745-4827
E-mail: jconard@med.wayne.edu

- *offers support and information to parents and families of individuals with trisomy 9.*

Turner's Syndrome Society of the United States
1313 Fifth St SE, Ste 327
Minneapolis, MN 55414
(612) 379-3607
FAX (612) 379-3619
Home page: http://www.turner-syndrome-us.org
E-mail: tesch005@tc.umn.edu

- *provides information and materials to individuals and families affected by Turner's syndrome.*

Union County Parent/Relative Support Association
Contact: Nora Lewis
PO Box 236
Union SC 29379
(864) 427-5833

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Voice of the Retarded
5005 Newport Dr, Ste 108
Rolling Meadows IL 60008
(847) 253-6020
FAX (847) 253-6054
E-mail: 104437.3620@compuserve.com

- *a national nonprofit advocacy organization that works for the empowerment of families and for choice of residential and rehabilitative services.*

Williams Syndrome Association
PO Box 297
Clawson MI 48017
(810) 514-3630
FAX (810) 514-3631
WSAOFFICE@aol.com

- *provides information and advocacy for people with Williams syndrome and their families.*

PARENT-TO-PARENT SUPPORT

Down Syndrome Family Alliance of Greenville
1021 Hudson Rd
Greenville SC 29615
(864) 294-4667

- *offers parent-to-parent support.*

Family Connection of SC Inc.
2712 Middleburg Dr, Ste 103B
Columbia SC 29204
Columbia (803) 252-0914
Greenville (864) 455-6213
FAX Columbia (803) 799-8017
FAX Greenville (864) 455-6299
1-800-578-8750
E-mail: FAMCONN@COLUM.MINDSPRING.COM

- *nonprofit, statewide support network for families of children with developmental delay, disability or chronic illness; fosters family-to-family support and communication between families and professionals through statewide conferences and support groups; provides one-to-one matches to parents by disability or chronic illness for emotional and informational support; provides specialized training to parents to become support parents and provides Family Partners, by health district, to families with children who are eligible for BabyNet, South Carolina's early intervention program; publishes a quarterly newsletter, "The Link"; publishes a listing of support groups in South Carolina; provides information and resources; all services are free.*

MUMS National
150 Custer Ct
Green Bay WI 54301-1234
(414) 336-5333
FAX (414) 339-0995
Home page: http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/~rowley/mums/home.htmlx

- *a national parent-to-parent network for families of children with special needs and rare disorders; provides quarterly newsletters covering 1,600 disorders.*

National Parent-to-Parent Support and Information System
PO Box 907
Blue Ridge GA 30513
(706) 632-8822
FAX (706) 632-8830
1-800-651-1151
Home page: http://www.nppsis.org
E-mail: judd103w@wonder.em.cdc.gov

- *a nonprofit organization linking families whose children have special health care needs and rare disorders; encourages participation to organize advocacy aimed at improving access to the health care system.*

The Arc
500 E Border St, Ste 300
Arlington TX 76010
FAX (817) 277-3491
1-800-433-5255
For TTY, dial 1-800-855-1155 and ask the operator to place a collect call (817) 277-0553.
Home page: http://The Arc.org/welcome.html
E-mail: thearc@metronet.com

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

The Arc of the Midlands
Advocates for the Rights of Citizens with Disabilities
500 Rivermont Dr
Columbia SC 29210
(803) 779-3610
FAX (803) 252-5981

- *provides information and referral, advocacy, legislative monitoring, social opportunities, such as dances and an annual conference to people with mental retardation.*

PARENT INFORMATION AND TRAINING CENTERS—SEE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ON PAGE 156

POLIO—SEE SPINAL CORD INJURY AND SIMILAR DISABILITIES ON PAGE 151

PREVENTION

American Red Cross
2025 E St NW
Washington DC 20006
(202) 728-6401
FAX (202) 728-6647

- *offers counseling, emergency relief for disaster victims, information and referrals and emergency assistance for members of the military and their families.*

Brain Injury Association
1776 Massachusetts Ave NW, Ste 100
Washington DC 20036
(202) 296-6443
FAX (202) 296-8850
1-800-444-6443

- *advocates for people who survive brain injury, develops community-based services, supports research and promotes prevention.*

Council on Child Abuse and Neglect Inc.
1800 Main St, Ste 3A
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 733-5430
FAX (803) 779-7803
1-800-722-2737
E-mail: ccan@Colum.mindspring.com

- *seeks to prevent the abuse of children through education, intervention and treatment.*

Council on Child Abuse and Neglect Inc.
SC Cares for Children
1800 Main St, Ste 3A
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 733-5430
FAX (803) 779-7803
1-800-722-2737
ccan@colum.mindspring.com

- *statewide information and referral line.*

Fetal Alcohol Education Program
Boston University School of Medicine
1975 Main St
Concord MA 01742
(508) 369-7713

- *conducts research and promotes education to prevent, identify and treat alcohol-related birth defects; helps develop attitudes, skills and knowledge for the treatment of addicted pregnant women and their children.*

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information
PO Box 2345
Rockville MD 20847
FAX (301) 468-6433
1-800-729-6686
TTY 1-800-487-4889
Home page: http://www.health.org
E-mail: info@prevline.health.org

- *provides information on drug and alcohol addiction and related illnesses.*

National Council on Child Abuse and Family Violence
1155 Connecticut Ave NW, Ste 400
Washington DC 20036
(202) 429-6695
FAX (408) 655-3930
1-800-222-2000
E-mail: 100613.2043@compuserve.com

- *seeks to prevent family violence and child abuse through education, intervention and treatment.*

National Lead Information Center
1019 19th St NW, Ste 41
Washington DC 20036
In SC: (803) 724-5814
1-800-532-3394
1-800-424-5323

- *offers information on how to prevent lead poisoning; provides referrals to state agencies.*

National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS)
1819 H St NW, Ste 750
Washington DC 20006
(202) 785-4585
FAX (202) 466-6456

A nonprofit organization committed to raising public awareness about fetal alcohol syndrome and fetal alcohol effect; seeks to implement innovative ideas in prevention, intervention and advocacy.

Office of the Governor
Division of Health and Human Services
1205 Pendleton St
PO Box 11369
Columbia SC 29211
(803) 734-0465

- *statewide information and education regarding immunization programs.*

SC Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS)
3700 Forest Dr, Ste 300
Columbia SC 29204
Prevention Programs and Services:
(803) 734-9545
FAX (803) 734-9663
Drugstore Information Clearinghouse:
1-800-942-3425
E-mail: epeters@prevline.health.org
E-mail: DAODAS@infoave.net

- *provides information, resources and programs to prevent alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and abuse.*

RECREATION/LEISURE OPPORTUNITIES

Achieving Wheelchair Equality/Lowcountry Wheelchair Sports
PO Box 30866
Charleston SC 29417
(803) 792-5321

- *provides support, sports opportunities, community accessibility assessment and community recreation programs for people with disabilities; meets 3rd Tuesday of each month; provides special events.*

Boy Scouts of America
Scouting for the Handicapped Services
PO Box 152079
Irving TX 75015-2079
(214) 580-2000

- *provides fellowship and scouting opportunities for all boys.*

Camp Adam Fisher
American Diabetes Association-SC Affiliate
2711 Middleburg Dr, Ste 312
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 799-4246
1-800-354-5292

- *provides residential camp one week each summer for children ages 7-17 who have diabetes.*

Camp Burnt Gin
DHEC Division of Children's
Rehabilitative Services
PO Box 101106
Columbia SC 29211
(803) 737-4050

- *camp for children with physical disabilities and chronic illnesses.*

Camp Gravatt
1006 Camp Gravatt Rd
Aiken SC 29801
(803) 648-1817

- *accepts children with disabilities.*

Canoeing for Kids
PO Box 1614
Columbia SC 29202
(803) 732-1700

- *provides canoeing experiences for children who are emotionally or mentally handicapped or have an economic disadvantage.*

Challenge Summer Day Camp
Hilton Head Island Recreation Association
PO Box 22593
Hilton Head Island SC 29925
(803) 681-7273

- *summer camp for children with disabilities.*

Disabled Sports USA
451 Hungerford Dr, Ste 100
Rockville MD 20850
(301) 217-0960
FAX (301) 217-0968
TTY (301) 217-0963
Home page: http://www.dsusa.org/~dsusa/dsusa.html
E-mail: dsusa@dsusa.org

- *works to ensure that people of all ages with physical disabilities have access to sports, recreation and physical education programs.*

Girl Scouts of the USA
Services for Girls with Disabilities
420 Fifth Ave
New York NY 10018
(212) 852-2000
FAX (212) 852-6515
1-800-223-0624
Home page: http://www.gsusa.org/

- *prepares children for the future through Girl Scout informal education opportunities.*

Golden Age/Golden Access Passports
US Department of the Interior,
National Park Service
PO Box 37127
Washington DC 20013-7127
In SC: (803) 776-4396

- *provides free lifetime passport to federally operated parks, monuments, historic sites, recreation areas and wildlife refuges for persons who are elderly, blind or have permanent disabilities; applicant must provide proof of age or medical disability.*

Jaycee Camp Hope
PRTM Department
263 Lehotsky Hall
Clemson University
Clemson SC 29634
(864) 656-3400
FAX (864) 646-3620

- *statewide residential camp for citizens with disabilities.*

Mobility International USA
PO Box 10767
Eugene OR 97440
FAX (541) 343-6812
V/TTY (541) 343-1284
E-mail: miusa@igc.apc.org

- *provides opportunities for people with disabilities to travel and participate in educational exchange programs.*

National Sports Center for the Disabled
PO Box 36
Winter Park CO 80482
(970) 726-1540
FAX (970) 726-4112
Home page: http://www.nscd.org/nscd
E-mail: jbuch@csn.net

- *provides sports and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.*

Pineview Pal Dixie Youth Baseball League
Pineview Sports Complex
1250 Methodist Park Rd
PO Box 4526
W Columbia SC 29171
(803) 791-3849

- *pal-assisted baseball league for children ages 6-12 with special needs; registration in February.*

SC Handicapped Sportsman Inc.
603 Ridgewood Dr
Waterloo SC 29384
(864) 677-3179

- *provides outdoor recreation opportunities, adaptive equipment and information for people with mobility impairments; sponsors events such as fishing tournaments and deer hunts.*

SC Special Olympics
295 Greystone Blvd
PO Box 210099
Columbia SC 29221-0099
(803) 254-7774
FAX (803) 254-7668
1-800-765-7276
E-mail: 102021.547@Compuserve.com

- *provides athletic opportunities for people with mental retardation in South Carolina.*

Southeastern Paralyzed Veterans Association Inc.
4010 Deans Bridge Rd
US Hwy 1
Hephzibah GA 30815
(706) 796-6301
1-800-292-9335

- *provides advocacy, accessibility, independent living skills and legislative information; offers nursing scholarships, sports resources, research programs and a monthly newsletter.*

Special Olympics International
1325 G St NW, Ste 500
Washington DC 20005
(202) 628-3630

- *provides athletic opportunities for people with mental retardation.*

Sprout
893 Amsterdam Ave
New York NY 10025
(212) 222-9575

- *nonprofit organization that plans and implements recreation and travel opportunities for adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.*

US Cerebral Palsy Athletic Association
200 Harrison Ave
Newport RI 02840
(401) 848-2460
FAX (401) 848-5280
Home page: http://www.uscpaa.org
E-mail: uscpaa@mail.bbsnet.com

- *provides support and sponsors athletic programs for people with cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury (TBI) and stroke survivors.*

Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Services of Carolinas Hospital System
119 E Cedar St
PO Box 100550
Florence SC 29506
(803) 661-3940

- *offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient rehabilitative services.*

American Chronic Pain Association
PO Box 850
Rocklin CA 95677
(916) 632-0922

- *provides a support system for those suffering from chronic pain and helps people deal with pain in a positive way.*

Carolina Pain Center
132 E Hospital Dr, Ste A
West Columbia SC 29169
(803) 739-6628
FAX (803) 791-7843

- *offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient pain and spasticity management.*

Carolina Pain Center at Health South
2935 Colonial Dr
Columbia SC 29203
(803) 254-7777
FAX (803) 733-9838

- *offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient pain and spasticity management.*

Center for Rehabilitation Technology Services
1410-C Boston Ave
PO Box 15
W Columbia SC 29171
FAX (803) 822-4301
V/TTY (803) 822-5362
E-mail: rerc-vr@scsn.net

- *a rehabilitation engineering research center working to improve the application of rehabilitation technology in vocational rehabilitation agencies.*

Children's Rehabilitation Services
2000 Hampton St
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 929-6405

- *CRS is a health care program that provides medical evaluation and treatment to children with special health care needs.*

Colleton Regional Hospital
Rehabilitation
501 Robertson Blvd
Walterboro SC 29488
(803) 549-0416
FAX (803) 549-2342

- *offers inpatient and outpatient rehabilitative services.*

Eagle Landing Health Care Centre
1800 Eagle Landing Blvd
Hanahan SC 29406
(803) 553-0656

- *offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient rehabilitative services.*

Health South Rehabilitation Hospital of Charleston
9181 Medcom St
Charleston SC 29406
(803) 820-7777
FAX (803) 553-4025
Home page: http://healthsouth.com

- *offers a full range of inpatient and rehabilitative services.*

Health South Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center
Crowfield Park Plaza
119 Spring Hall Dr
Goose Creek SC 29445
(803) 572-6566
Home page: http://www.healthsouth.com

- *offers a full range of outpatient rehabilitative services.*

Helen Keller National Center
111 Middle Neck Rd
Sands Point NY 11050
(516) 944-8900
FAX (516) 944-7302
TTY (516) 944-8637

- *provides skills training and support to enable people who are deaf-blind to live and work in the community of their choice; services include rehabilitation, job placement, referral, advocacy, consultation and more.*

Hitchcock Rehabilitation Center
690 Medical Park Dr
Aiken SC 29801
(803) 648-8344
FAX (803) 649-4639
1-800-207-6924
Home page: http://www.HITCHCOCK.MED
E-mail: top-rehab@scescape.net

- *offers outpatient services only, including physical, occupational and speech therapy, home health, hospice, sports medicine, fitness and special needs child developmental preschool for 3, 4 and 5 year olds.*

Mainstream Inc.
3 Bethesda Metro Center, Ste 830
Bethesda MD 20814
(301) 654-2400
FAX (301) 654-2403
V/TTY (301) 654-2400
E-mail: mainstrm@aol.com

- *a private, nonprofit organization that works with employers and rehabilitation professionals to help employ people with disabilities.*

Mary Black Hospital
Center for Rehabilitative Medicine
1700 Skylyn Dr
Spartanburg SC 29307
(864) 573-3000

- *offers general inpatient and outpatient services.*

Medical University of SC
171 Ashley Ave
Charleston SC 29425
(803) 792-2300

- *offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient rehabilitative services.*

National Rehabilitation Association
633 S Washington St
Alexandria VA 22314
(703) 836-0850
FAX (703) 836-0848
TTY (703) 836-0849
Home page: http://www.allware.com/rehab/

- *provides opportunities for professionals in the field of rehabilitation.*

National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC)
8455 Colesville Rd, Ste 935
Silver Spring MD 20910
(301) 588-9284
FAX (301) 587-1967
1-800-346-2742
TTY (301) 495-5626
Home page: http://www.naric.com/naric

- *a national disability and rehabilitation library and information center that collects and disseminates the results of disability research projects; currently has over 48,000 documents on all aspects of disability.*

Regional Rehabilitation Center
Springs Memorial Hospital
800 W Meeting St
Lancaster SC 29720
(803) 286-1492
FAX (803) 286-1824

- *offers general rehabilitation services to individuals with multiple trauma, brain injuries, orthopedic surgeries, joint replacements, amputation of lower extremities, cardiovascular accidents and other disabling injuries and illnesses.*

Roger C Peace Hospital
Rehabilitation Institute
701 Grove Rd
Greenville SC 29605
(864) 455-7716
FAX (864) 455-8443
1-800-868-8871

- *offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient rehabilitative services.*

Roper Rehabilitation Hospital
Roper Health System, Inc.
316 Calhoun St
Charleston SC 29401
(803) 724-2800
FAX (803) 720-8381

- *offers inpatient and outpatient rehabilitative services.*

SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department (VRD)
1410 Boston Ave
PO Box 15
W Columbia SC 29171-0015
(803) 896-6500
FAX (803) 896-6525

- *VRD, through a statewide service delivery system, provides, plans and coordinates rehabilitation services for people with disabilities who meet eligibility requirements outlined in the law and regulations leading to job placement at the competitive employment level. The agency also serves some school-aged people with disabilities in an effort to support their transition into the work environment.*

  Services include assessment for determining eligibility and vocational rehabilitation needs; counseling, guidance and referral; physical and mental restoration services; vocational and other training services; placement in suitable employment and follow-up; and other goods and services that can help an individual with a disability become gainfully employed.

The Workshop Production Program provides individuals with disabilities actual work experience in industrial-type settings established in the department's local rehabilitation centers throughout the state. These centers provide complete vocational evaluations as well as personal, social and work adjustment training programs that help people make the transition to competitive employment.

The department operates a network of statewide facilities designed to provide specialized services to individuals with various types of severe disabilities. This includes facilities and services in settings operated by the departments of Mental Health, Corrections and Juvenile Justice, the Workers' Compensation Program, Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, Charleston VA Hospital, Roger C. Peace Hospital in Greenville, Medical University of South Carolina, as well as the two residential rehabilitation centers for substance abusers operated by the Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

The department also has service staff located in some of South Carolina's 90 school districts and serves students with disabilities from its area offices in the other districts.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Evaluation Center offers a multidisciplinary program for individuals with severe disabilities. This facility is a 30-bed residential facility that offers medical services (including a chronic pain program); occupational therapy; personal and social adjustment; and industrial rehabilitation, including work-hardening, psychological services, speech therapy and vocational evaluation.

The Muscular Development Center offers aquatic, physical recreational and exercise therapies.

Other programs include the Computer Training Program and the Rehabilitation Engineering Program. The Center for Rehabilitation Technology Services (CRTS) is a rehabilitation engineering center funded to develop service delivery models for assistive technology in the vocational rehabilitation process.

Shriners Hospital for Children
950 W Faris Rd
Greenville SC 29605
(864) 271-3444
FAX (864) 271-4471

- *a pediatric orthopedic facility serving persons under age 18. There is no charge for services and admission is by application.*

St. Francis Inpatient Rehabilitation Center
One Saint Francis Dr
Greenville SC 29601
(864) 255-1938
FAX (864) 255-1913

- *offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient rehabilitative services.*

The Easter Seal Society of South Carolina
3020 Farrow Rd
Columbia SC 29203
Columbia (803) 256-0735
Charleston (803) 308-7391
Anderson County (864) 225-1371
Georgetown County (803) 546-2212
Greenville County (864) 232-4185
Pee Dee Region (803) 661-6909
Spartanburg County (864) 582-8050
FAX (803) 765-9765
1-800-951-4090

- *a private, nonprofit health agency that provides or purchases rehabilitation and related services for persons with physical disabilities; services may include physical, occupational or speech therapy, durable medical equipment, orthotics, prosthetics and other services to meet the needs of people with disabilities. Some affiliate offices are listed. For counties not listed, call 1-800-951-4090.*

US Department of Education
330 C St SW, Rm 3030
Switzer Bldg
Washington DC 20202-8133
V/TTY (202) 205-8241
V/TTY (202) 205-8723

- *provides leadership and support for comprehensive and coordinated national and international programs of disability and rehabilitation research; administers programs to support employment and independence for individuals with disabilities.*

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Christian Council on Persons with Disabilities
7120 W Dove Ct
Milwaukee WI 53223
(414) 357-6672
V/FAX (414) 357-6672
E-mail: marlys@execpc.com

- *promotes a Christian view of people with disabilities to churches, schools and community organizations.*

Jewish Association for Residential Care (JARC)
28366 Franklin Rd
Southfield MI 48034
(810) 352-5272
FAX (810) 352-5279

- *Jewish association providing residential care and support services to developmentally disabled adults; operates 17 group homes and three independent living programs that provide access to Jewish services, maintaining kosher kitchens and observing Jewish holidays.*

Keshet
Jewish Parents of Children with Special Needs
3210 Dundee Rd
Northbrook IL 60062
(847) 205-0274
FAX (847) 205-1530
E-mail: keshetl@AOL.com

- *a parent organization that provides educational and religious programs for Jewish children with special needs.*

National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities
PO Box 29113
Washington DC 20017
FAX (202) 529-4678
V/TTY (202) 529-2933

- *provides resources and consultation to a national network of diocesan directors who oversee access and inclusion at the parish level; promotes meaningful participation and inclusion at all levels of the Church; quarterly newsletter available upon request.*

National Foundation for Jewish Genetic Diseases Inc.
250 Park Ave, Ste 1000
New York NY 10177
(212) 371-1030

- *provides information about the eight most common Jewish genetic diseases and makes referrals for genetic counseling.*

National Organization on Disability
910 16th St NW, Ste 600
Washington DC 20006
(202) 293-5960
FAX (202) 293-7999
TTY (202) 293-5968
Home page: http://www.nod.org

- *a national disability network organization working to increase employment opportunities, address architectural barriers and transportation needs, and help integrate people with disabilities into community and religious life; provides manuals, training guides and technical assistance.*

RESIDENTIAL CARE

Jewish Association for Residential Care (JARC)
28366 Franklin Rd
Southfield MI 48034
(810) 352-5272
FAX (810) 352-5279

- *Jewish association providing residential care and support services to developmentally disabled adults; operates 17 group homes and three independent living programs that provide access to Jewish services, maintain kosher kitchens and observe Jewish holidays.*

York Place
Episcopal Church Home for Children
234 King's Mountain St
York SC 29745
(803) 684-8005
FAX (803) 628-1632

- *a residential treatment facility for children ages 6 to 12 with severe emotional handicaps.*

RESPITE CARE—SEE CHILD CARE ON PAGE 78

SAFETY

National Injury Information Clearinghouse
US Consumer Product Safety Commission
Washington DC 20207-0001
(301) 504-0424
Hotline 1-800-638-CPSC (2772)
Home page: http://www.cpsc.gov

- *provides data and information about the causes and prevention of death, injury and illness associated with consumer products; monitors complaints about unsafe products; provides information about product recalls.*

SC Department of Public Safety
Office of Safety
5400 Broad River Rd
Columbia SC 29210-4088
(803) 737-1162

- *provides safety information pertaining to motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians and child-passengers.*

SC Safe Kids Coalition
SC Hospital Association
PO Box 6009
W Columbia SC 29171-6009
(803) 796-1950
FAX (803) 796-2938
E-mail: RMALLISON@SCHA.MHS.compuserve.com

- *seeks to reduce childhood injuries through public education and public policy advocacy.*

SIBLING SUPPORT

Family Connection of SC Inc.
2712 Middleburg Dr, Ste 103B
Columbia SC 29204
Columbia (803) 252-0914
Greenville: (864) 455-6213
FAX Columbia (803) 799-8017
FAX Greenville (864) 455-6299
1-800-578-8750
E-mail: FAMCONN@COLUM.MINDSPRING.COM

- *provides a sibling support group, Kid Connection, for siblings of children with special needs ages 8-12; services are free.*

Sibling Information Network
The A.J. Pappanikou Center on Special Education and Rehabilitation: A University Affiliated Program
University of Connecticut
249 Glenbrook Rd, Box 064
Storrs CT 06269-2064
(860) 486-4985
FAX (860) 486-5037

- *for families and professionals who are interested in the welfare of individuals with disabilities and their families, specifically siblings.*

Siblings for Significant Change
United Charities Bldg
105 E 22nd St, Rm 710
New York NY 10010
(212) 420-0776
FAX (212) 677-0696
1-800-841-8251
E-mail: GERRI@1x.net com.com

- *a support and outreach network for siblings of people with disabilities; advocates for improved service delivery, ongoing legislation for people with disabilities and increased public awareness; offers educational materials and publications on the needs of siblings and their brothers and sisters with disabilities.*

The Caring Connection
41 Bee St
Charleston SC 29425
(803) 792-0669
FAX (803) 792-6799
1-800-424-6872

- *a network of families, students, teachers and health care professionals who give support to individuals with special needs and their families.*

SIGHT DISABILITY—SEE VISION DISABILITY ON PAGE 160

SOCIAL SECURITY—SEE HEALTH INSURANCE ON PAGE 108

SPINA BIFIDA—SEE MENTAL RETARDATION ON PAGE 126

SPINAL CORD INJURY AND SIMILAR DISABILITIES

Achieving Wheelchair Equality/Lowcountry Wheelchair Sports
Contact: Gilbert Smith
PO Box 30866
Charleston SC 29417
(803) 763-2538

- *provides support, sports opportunities, community accessibility assessment and community recreation programs for people with disabilities; meets 3rd Tuesday of each month; provides special events.*

Advocacy Coalition for People with Disabilities
Contact: Linda Cecchetti
1064 Gardner Rd, Ste 306
PO Box 31050
Charleston SC 29417
(803) 852-5558

- *advocates for people with disabilities.*

Aiken Able-Disabled Inc.
PO Box 264
Aiken SC 29802
(803) 648-7818

- *provides advocacy and support to spinal cord injury survivors and their families.*

American Paralysis Association
500 Morris Ave
Springfield NJ 07081
(201) 379-2690
FAX (201) 912-9433
1-800-225-0292
Home page: http://www.apa.uci.edu/paralysis

- *a national nonprofit organization that encourages and supports research to find a cure for paralysis caused by spinal cord injury and other central nervous system disorders; raises money to fund research programs.*

American Syringomyelia Alliance Project Inc.
PO Box 1586
Longview TX 75606-1586
(903) 236-7079
FAX (903) 757-7456
1-800-272-7282
Home page: http://www.dataprompt.com/syringo.html
E-mail: 102563.3507@compuserve.com

- *a clearinghouse for information about syringomyelia and chiari malformations.*

Disability Action Center
3126 Beltline Blvd
Columbia SC 29204
Charleston (803) 852-5503
Columbia (803) 779-5121
Conway (803) 248-8220
Florence (803) 665-5589
Greenville (864) 235-1421

- *provides counseling, independent-living skills training, peer support groups, a statewide registry of certified personal care attendants, referral services, community education, and individual and systems advocacy to people with disabilities; regional offices located in Florence, Greenville and Rock Hill.*

Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy
PO Box 196
Libertyville IL 60048
(847) 367-7620
FAX (847) 367-7623
1-800-886-1762
Home page: http://www.abacus96.com/fsma/
E-mail: sma@interaccess.com

- *supports research and promotes education and public awareness regarding spinal muscular atrophy diseases, such as Werdnig Hoffman, Kugelberg-Welander and Aran Duchenn diseases.*

Guillian-Barré Syndrome Foundation
PO Box 262
Wynnewood PA 19096
(610) 667-0131
FAX (610) 667-7036

- *provides information, resources and support to people with Guillian-Barré syndrome and their families.*

Guillian-Barré Syndrome Support Group
449 Wallace Dr
Charleston SC 29412

- *provides information, resources and support to people with Guillian-Barré syndrome and their families.*

International Polio Network
4207 Lindell Blvd, #110
St Louis MO 63108-2915
(314) 534-0475
FAX (314) 534-5070
E-mail: gini_intl@msn.com

- *provides support and promotes networking among the post-polio community; offers a quarterly newsletter for polio survivors, health professionals and resource centers.*

Lowcountry Polio Survivors Network
340 Bertran Rd
Summerville SC 29485-8391
(803) 832-2327

- *provides information and support to survivors of polio.*

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National Spinal Cord Injury Association
8300 Colesville Rd, Ste 551
Silver Spring MD 20910
1-800-962-9629
Home page: http://www.spinalcord.org
E-mail: NSCIA2@aol.com

- *provides information and referral services to people with spinal cord injuries and diseases.*

National Spinal Cord Injury Hotline
2200 Kernan Dr
Baltimore MD 21207
FAX (410) 448-6627
1-800-526-3456
Home page: http://USERS.AOL.COM/SCIHOTLINE
E-mail: SCIHOTLINE@AOL.COM

- *makes referrals to callers seeking information about spinal cord injury.*

Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)
801 Eighteenth St NW
Washington DC 20006
(202) USA-1300

- *service organization that advocates for veterans regarding quality health care, research and education of spinal cord injury and dysfunction, benefits available and civil rights and opportunities that maximize the independence of members.*

SC Disabilities Research Commission
1230 Pendleton St
Columbia SC 29201-3796
(803) 733-6917

- *provides advocacy, research and education to individuals with disabilities and their families.*

SC Handicapped Sportsman Inc.
603 Ridgewood Dr
Waterloo SC 29384
(864) 677-3179

- *provides outdoor recreation opportunities, adaptive equipment and information for people with mobility impairments; sponsors events such as fishing tournaments and deer hunts.*

SC Physically Handicapped Society
221 Timberlake Rd
Anderson SC 29625
(864) 226-8063

- *provides advocacy and support to spinal cord injury survivors and their families.*

SC Spinal Cord Injury Association
Contact: Eric Outlaw
1412 Old Manor Rd, #1403
Columbia SC 29210
(803) 551-2383

- *provides advocacy and support to spinal cord injury survivors and their families.*

Southeastern Paralyzed Veterans Association Inc.
4010 Deans Bridge Rd
US Hwy 1
Hephzibah GA 30815
(706) 796-6301
1-800-292-9335

- *provides advocacy, accessibility, independent living skills and legislative information; offers nursing scholarships, sports resources, research programs and a monthly newsletter.*

Spina Bifida Association of America
National Chapter
4590 MacArthur Blvd NW, Ste 250
Washington DC 20007-4226
(202) 944-3285
FAX (202) 944-3295
1-800-621-3141
Home page: http://www.infohiway.com/spinabifida
E-mail: spinabifida@aol.com

- *offers information to families of people with spina bifida; refers people to local support groups.*

Spinal Cord Injury Association of the Upstate
Contact: David White
Roger Peace Hospital Rehabilitation Nursing Unit
701 Grove Rd
Greenville SC 29605
(864) 455-7792
(864) 834-2580

- *offers support and information to survivors of spinal cord injury and their families.*

Spinal Cord Injury Network
51 Monroe St, Plaza 9
Rockville MD 20850
(301) 424-8335

- *a network of support for individuals who have suffered a spinal cord injury; offers information and referrals.*

Spinal Cord Injury Support Group of Union
PO Box 903
Union SC 29379
(864) 427-7700
E-mail: JSHAW@INFOAVE.NET

- *offers support and information to survivors of spinal cord injury and their families.*

Spinal Cord Society
Rte 5 Box 22A
Fergus Falls MN 56537
(218) 739-5252
Home page: http://members.aol.com/scsweb/private/scshome.htm.

- *an international organization devoted to developing a cure for spinal cord injuries and related disabilities.*

Union Independent Living Team
Contact: Billy Shaw
2874 Santuc Carlisle Hwy
Union SC 29379
(864) 429-1748

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

SPORTS—SEE RECREATION/LEISURE OPPORTUNITIES ON PAGE 141

SUMMER SERVICES

Camp Adam Fisher
American Diabetes Association - SC Affiliate
2711 Middleburg Dr, Ste 312
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 799-4246
1-800-354-5292

- *provides residential camp one week each summer for children ages 7–17 who have diabetes.*

Camp Burnt Gin
DHEC Division of Children's Rehabilitative Services
PO Box 101106
Columbia SC 29211
(803) 737-4050

- *camp for children with physical disabilities and chronic illnesses.*

Camp Gravatt
1006 Camp Gravatt Rd
Aiken SC 29801
(803) 648-1817

- *accepts children with disabilities.*

Epworth Children's Home
2900 Millwood Ave
PO Box 50466
Columbia SC 29250
(803) 256-7394
V/FAX (803) 212-4799

- *provides center- and home-based early intervention services for preschoolers with special needs; provides summer camp services for school aged children with mental retardation.*

Jaycee Camp Hope
PRTM Department
263 Lehotsky Hall
Clemson University
Clemson SC 29634
(864) 646-3400
FAX (864) 646-3620

- *statewide residential camp for citizens with disabilities.*

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME—SEE HEALTH INSURANCE ON PAGE 108

TEFRA (TAX EQUITY AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT)

TEFRA
SC Department of Social Services (DSS)
1535 Confederate Ave Ext
PO Box 1520
Columbia SC 29202-1520
(803) 734-6179
FAX (803) 734-5597
1-800-768-5700

- *an additional Medicaid benefit for children with disabilities. (See page 45.)*

THERAPY

Family Service Center
1800 Main St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 733-5450
1-800-922-5651
E-mail: fsccola@ix.netcom.com

- *provides individual, marriage and family counseling; travelers' aid; consumer credit counseling; children's dental clinics; family life enrichment; and employee assistance programs to help strengthen and enhance families' and individuals' functioning.*

SC School for the Deaf and the Blind
355 Cedar Springs Rd
Spartanburg SC 29302-4699
(864) 585-7711
FAX (864) 585-3555

- *a specialized instructional and resource center; provides services statewide for deaf, blind and sensory multidisabled individuals, their families and professionals; offers programs for preschool, elementary, high school, sensory multidisabled, vocational and postsecondary students as well as outreach and support services; operates regional centers statewide.*

Shriners Hospital for Children
950 W Faris Rd
Greenville SC 29605
(864) 271-3444
FAX (864) 271-4471

- *a pediatric orthopedic facility serving children under 18. There is no charge for services, and admission is by application.*

The Easter Seal Society of South Carolina
3020 Farrow Rd
Columbia SC 29203
Anderson County (864) 225-1371
Charleston (803) 308-7391
Columbia (803) 256-0735
Georgetown County (803) 546-2212
Greenville County (864) 232-4185
Pee Dee Region (803) 661-6909
Spartanburg County (864) 582-8050
FAX (803) 765-9765
1-800-951-4090

- *a private, nonprofit health agency that provides or purchases rehabilitation and related services for people with physical disabilities; services may include physical, occupational, or speech therapy, durable medical equipment, orthotics, prosthetics and other services to meet the needs of people with disabilities. Some affiliate offices are listed. For counties not listed, call 1-800-951-4090.*

Voice for Hearing Impaired Children
124 Eglinton Ave W, Ste 420
Toronto ON
Canada M4R 2GB
(416) 487-7719
FAX (416) 487-7423

- *provides parent-to-parent support, auditory-verbal therapy to hearing impaired infants and children in outlying areas, information resources.*

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES—PARENT AND PROFESSIONAL

ADARA: Professionals Networking for Excellence in Service Delivery with Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
PO Box 251554
Little Rock AR 72225
FAX (501) 868-8812
V/TTY (501) 868-8850
E-mail: ADARAHvie@AOL.com

- *provides professional opportunities for people who are deaf or hard of hearing; supports positive public policies.*

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf
3417 Volta Place NW
Washington DC 20007-2778
FAX (202) 337-8314
V/TTY (202) 337-5220

- *provides training for professionals, promotes public awareness, conducts research and provides educational opportunities for people with hearing impairments.*

American Association on Mental Retardation
444 N Capitol St NW, Ste 46
Washington DC 20001
FAX (202) 387-2193
1-800-424-3688
Home page: http://www.aamr.org
E-mail: AAMR@ACCESS.DIGEX.NET

- *sponsors an annual training institute for professionals involved in service, training and research for people with mental retardation.*

American Association on Mental Retardation - SC Chapter
Dr. Keri Weed
Dept of Psychology - USC at Aiken
171 University Pkwy
Aiken SC 29801
(803) 641-3220
E-mail: KERIW@AIKEN.SC.EDU

- *sponsors an annual training institute for professionals involved in service, training and research for people with mental retardation.*

Family Connection of SC Inc.
2712 Middleburg Dr, Ste 103B
Columbia SC 29204
Columbia (803) 252-0914
Greenville (864) 455-6213
FAX Columbia (803) 799-8017
FAX Greenville (864) 455-6299
1-800-578-8750
E-mail: FAMCONN@COLUM.MINDSPRING.COM

- *provides training to parents of children with special needs to provide emotional support and information to matched parents; statewide annual conference for parents and professionals.*

Family Resource Center on Disabilities
20 E Jackson Blvd, Rm 900
Chicago IL 60604
(312) 939-3513
TTY (312) 939-3519

- *provides information, training, support, referrals and publications to professionals and families of people with disabilities.*

LifeSavers
151 Meeting St
Charleston SC 29401
(803) 727-0077

- *provides ADD/ADHD training, problem solving and planning for school or work, resources and referrals of medical experts, support organizations and special programs and a daily coaching program.*

National Rehabilitation Association
633 S Washington St
Alexandria VA 22314
(703) 836-0850
FAX (703) 836-0848
TTY (703) 836-0849
Home page: http://www.allware.com/rehab/

- *a membership organization whose mission is providing opportunities through knowledge and diversity for professionals in fields of rehabilitation.*

Parents Reaching Out to Parents (PRO-Parents)
2712 Middleburg Dr, Ste 102
Columbia SC 29204
FAX (803) 252-4513
V/TTY 1-800-759-4776
V/TTY (803) 779-3859
E-mail: PROPARENTS@aol.com

- *a nonprofit organization for and by parents of children with special needs; provides information, trains parents, holds workshops and provides referrals to support groups and networks.*

SC Alliance for the Mentally Ill
PO Box 2538
Columbia SC 29202
(803) 779-7849
1-800-788-5131
Home page: http://www.netside.com/~scami
E-mail: SCAMI@netside.com

- *provides educational programs, support groups, classes and literature for families who have relatives diagnosed with serious mental illness.*

SC University Affiliated Program (UAP)
Center for Developmental Disabilities
USC School of Medicine
Columbia SC 29208
(803) 935-5231
FAX (803) 935-5250

- *provides child care and early intervention training to professionals and parents, a newsletter, an early childhood resource library, annual conference and catalog of training seminars.*

SC University Affiliated Program (UAP)
Early Intervention Technical
Assistance Collaborative
USC School of Medicine
Columbia SC 29208
(803) 935-5225
(803) 935-5278
FAX (803) 935-5250
1-800-922-1107
E-mail: KarenL@cdd.sc.edu

- *provides an early childhood resource center and library; conducts an annual conference and local training seminars for families and professionals.*

The Arc
500 E Border St, Ste 300
Arlington TX 76010
FAX (817) 277-3491
1-800-433-5255
For TTY, dial 1-800-855-1155 and ask the operator to place a collect call (817) 277-0553.
Home page: http://TheArc.org/welcome.html
E-mail: thearc@metronet.com

- *an advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

The Arc of the Midlands
Advocates for the Rights of
Citizens with Disabilities
500 Rivermont Dr
Columbia SC 29210
(803) 779-3610
FAX (803) 252-5981

- *an advocacy organization that provides information and support to people with mental retardation and their families; offers planning for the future of people with disabilities and a training program for parents, family members and people with disabilities.*

BabyNet
SC Department of Health and
Environmental Control (DHEC)
Mills Jarrett Complex
PO Box 101106
Columbia SC 29211
(803) 737-4045
(803) 737-4047
FAX (803) 734-4459
1-800-922-1107

- *responsible for the administration of PL 102-119; provides services to infants and toddlers with developmental delays.*

Eagle Landing Health Care Centre
1800 Eagle Landing Blvd
Hanahan SC 29406
(803) 553-0656

- *provides skilled nursing and rehabilitation in the Charleston area, including inpatient and outpatient services, adaptive van transportation, community re-entry programs, physiatric services and an adaptive aquatics program.*

National Center for Youth with Disabilities
University of Minnesota
PO Box 721
420 Delaware St SE
Minneapolis MN 55455
(612) 626-2825
FAX (612) 626-2134
TTY (612) 624-3939
Home page: http://www.peds.umn.edu/centers/ncyd
E-mail: ncyd@gold.tc.umn.edu

- *an information, policy and resource center focusing on adolescents with chronic illness and disability and the issues that surround their transition into adult life.*

Office of the Governor
Developmental Disabilities Council
Edgar A Brown Bldg
1205 Pendleton St, Ste 372
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-0465
FAX (803) 734-0241
TTY (803) 734-1147

- *develops policies and advocates for people with disabilities while monitoring programs and service delivery.*

Parents Reaching Out to Parents (PRO-Parents)
2712 Middleburg Dr, Ste 102
Columbia SC 29204
FAX (803) 252-4513
V/TTY 1-800-759-4776
V/TTY (803) 779-3859
E-mail: PROPARENTS@aol.com

- *a nonprofit organization for and by parents of children with special needs; provides information, trains parents, holds workshops and provides referrals to support groups and networks.*

SC Department of Education
Office of Exceptional Children
1429 Senate St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-8806
FAX (803) 734-8624

- *ensures that people with disabilities ages 3 through 21 have a free and appropriate education, including making the transition from school environment to work environment.*

South Carolina Mentor
3200 Devine St
Columbia SC 29205
(803) 799-9025
1-800-636-8676

- *provides an active treatment environment to prepare children to return home from institutions or to move to a less restrictive setting; allows children to maximize personal growth and independence, stabilize emotional disorders, and develop a healthy self-concept.*

TRANSPORTATION

DART (Dial-A-Ride Transit)
601 Devine St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 771-7176
FAX (803) 254-2441

- *provides transportation to the public, especially people with disabilities, for a fee.*

Eagle Landing Health Care Centre
1800 Eagle Landing Blvd
Hanahan SC 29406
(803) 553-0656

- *provides skilled nursing and rehabilitation in the Charleston area, including inpatient and outpatient services, adaptive van transportation, community re-entry programs, physiatric services and an adaptive aquatics program.*

Project ACTION
700 Thirteenth St NW, Ste 200
Washington DC 20005
(202) 347-3066
FAX (202) 737-7914
1-800-659-NIAT
TTY (202) 347-7385
Home page: http://www.projectaction.org
E-mail: projaction@aol.com

- *national research and demonstration program designed to improve access to transportation services for people with disabilities and to assist transit providers in implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act.*

SC Department of Social Services-Medicaid Transportation
1535 Confederate Ave Ext
PO Box 1520
Columbia SC 29202-1520
(803) 734-6179
1-800-768-5700

- *provides non-emergency medical transportation to people who are Medicaid-eligible. To arrange transportation, call your local county office.* *(See page 49.)*

VISION DISABILITY

American Council for the Blind
1155 15th St NW, Ste 720
Washington DC 20005
(202) 467-5081
FAX (202) 467-5085
1-800-424-8666

- *provides legislative information, referrals, advocacy and job announcements.*

American Foundation for the Blind
Information Center
11 Penn Plaza, Ste 300
New York NY 10001
(212) 502-7600
1-800-232-5463
Home page: http://www.afb.org/afb
E-mail: Afbinfo@afb.org

- *provides support, referral and advocacy services for individuals who are legally blind and their families.*

American Printing House for the Blind
1839 Frankfort Ave
PO Box 6085
Louisville KY 40206-0085
(502) 895-2405
FAX (502) 899-2274
1-800-223-1839
E-mail: APH@IGLOV.com

- *nonprofit company that creates products for vision impaired people of all ages; products include CCTV magnifiers, cassette tape recorders, braille magazines, and books in braille and large print.*

Blind Children's Center
4120 Marathon St
Los Angeles CA 90029
(213) 664-2153
FAX (213) 665-3828
Home page: http://www.blindcntr.org/bcc
E-mail: info@blindcntr.org

- *a family-centered agency that serves children with visual impairments from birth to school age; provides support services, education and publications.*

Deaf-Blind Link
The National Clearinghouse on Children who are Deaf-Blind
345 N Monmouth Ave
Monmouth OR 97361
FAX (503) 838-8150
1-800-438-9376
TTY 1-800-854-7013
Home page: http://www.tr.wosc.osshe.edu/dblink
E-mail: dblink@tr.wosc.osshe.edu

- *identifies, coordinates, and disseminates information to parents, service providers, administrators and others regarding children and youth who are deaf-blind.*

Federation Center of the Blind
119 S Kilbourne Rd
Columbia SC 29205
(803) 254-3777

- *provides support, advocacy, educational materials, recreational opportunities and aids and appliances for people who are legally blind and their families.*

Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind Inc.
371 East Jerico Turnpike
Smithtown NY 11787-2976
(516) 265-2121
FAX (516) 361-5192
1-800-548-4337

- *a nonprofit organization that furnishes guide dogs, free of charge, to qualified people who seek the independence, mobility and companionship a guide dog provides.*

Institute for Families of Blind Children
PO Box 54700
Mail Stop #111
Los Angeles CA 90054
(213) 669-4649

- *provides support and referral services for people who are legally blind and their families.*

Lighthouse Consumer Products
36-20 Northern Blvd
Long Island City NY 11101
1-800-829-0500

- *offers a free catalog of non-optical products.*

Macular Degeneration International
National Stargardt Self-Help Network
2968 W Ina Rd 106
Tucson AZ 85741
(520) 797-2525
FAX (520) 797-8018
1-800-393-7634
E-mail: TPerski@aol.com

- *provides information on research concerning age related macular degeneration as well as Stargardt Macular Dystrophy and other juvenile macular dystrophies; also provides support for people with visual impairments and their families; offers a newsletter and seminar information.*

National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired
PO Box 317
Watertown MA 02272-0317
(617) 972-7441
FAX (617) 972-7444
1-800-562-6265

- *provides support and referral for families with children who are blind, visually impaired, blind-multi-handicapped and deaf-blind.*

National Association for Visually Handicapped
22 W 21st St, 6th Fl
New York NY 10010
(212) 889-3141
FAX (212) 727-2931
Home page: http://www.navh.org
E-mail: staff@navh.org

- *offers resources, support materials and assistive devices to people with visual disabilities.*

National Federation of the Blind
1800 Johnson St
Baltimore MD 21230
(410) 659-9314
Home page: http://www.nfb.org

- *provides referrals, printed resources and assistive devices to people with visual impairments.*

Network for Hearing and Visually Impaired
7510 Oceanfront Ave
Virginia Beach VA 23451
(757) 428-9036
FAX (757) 428-0019

- *network of support groups working with children and adults with autism who also are either hearing- or sight-impaired.*

Network on the Blind/Multi-handicapped Children and Adults
1912 Tracy Rd
Northwood OH 43619
(419) 666-6212

- *offers support and referral services to children and adults with multiple disabilities.*

Prevent Blindness America
500 E Remington Rd
Schaumburg IL 60173
1-800-331-2020
Home page: http://prevent-blindness.org

- *provides information, referrals and educational materials.*

Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic Inc.
20 Roszel Rd
Princeton NJ 08540
(609) 452-0606
FAX (609) 987-8116
1-800-221-4792
Home page: http://www.rfbd.org

- *provides educational and professional books to people with print disabilities.*

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf
3417 Volta Place NW
Washington DC 20007-2778
FAX (202) 337-8314
V/TTY (202) 337-5220

- *provides training for professionals, promotes public awareness, conducts research and provides educational opportunities for people with hearing impairments.*

Dole Foundation for Employment of People with Disabilities
1819 H St NW, Ste 340
Washington DC 20006
FAX (202) 457-0473
V/TTY (202) 457-0318

- *a nonprofit foundation that focuses on competitive employment for people with disabilities.*

Helen Keller International World Headquarters
90 Washington St, 15th Fl
New York NY 10006
(212) 943-0890

- *provides skills training and support to enable people who are deaf-blind to live and work in the community of their choice; services include rehabilitation, job placement, referral, advocacy, consultation and more.*

Helen Keller National Center
111 Middle Neck Rd
Sands Point NY 11050
(516) 944-8900
FAX (516) 944-7302
TTY (516) 944-8637

- *provides skills training and support to enable people who are deaf-blind to live and work in the community of their choice; services include rehabilitation, job placement, referral, advocacy, consultation and more.*

Job Accommodation Network
PO Box 6080
Morgantown WV 26506
FAX (304) 293-5407
Accommodation Information:
V/TTY 1-800-526-7234
ADA Information: V/TTY 1-800-232-9675
Home page: http://janweb.icdi.wvu.edu
E-mail: jan@jan.icdi.wvu.edu

- *provides information that helps create barrier-free facilities that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act; gives practical suggestions for accommodating employees with all types of disabilities.*

Mainstream Inc.
3 Bethesda Metro Center, Ste 830
Bethesda MD 20814
(301) 654-2400
FAX (301) 654-2403
V/TTY (301) 654-2400
E-mail: mainstrm@aol.com

- *a private, nonprofit organization that works with employers and rehabilitation professionals to help employ people with disabilities.*

National Association of the Deaf
814 Thayer Ave
Silver Spring MD 20910-4500
(301) 587-1788
TTY (301) 587-1789

- *provides programs and activities that include grassroots advocacy and empowerment, captioned media, certification of American Sign Language and Deaf Studies professionals, deafness-related information and publications, legal assistance, policy development and research, public awareness, sign language interpreter certification, and youth leadership development.*

President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
1331 F St NW, Ste 300
Washington DC 20004-1107
(202) 376-6200
TTY (202) 376-6205
Home page: http:/www.ww.tcepd.gov

- *promotes people with disabilities for employment.*

SC Employment Security Commission
1550 Gadsden St
PO Box 1406
Columbia SC 29202
(803) 737-2593
FAX (803) 737-0140
V/TTY 1-800-436-8190 (ADA Information)
V/TTY (803) 737-0391

- *a free public employment service that administers the unemployment insurance program and serves as grantee for the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA); 39 job service offices statewide.*

SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department (VRD)
1410 Boston Ave
PO Box 15
W Columbia SC 29171-0015
(803) 896-6500
FAX (803) 896-6525

- *provides, plans and coordinates rehabilitation services for people with disabilities who meet eligibility requirements outlined in the law and regulations leading to job placement at the competitive employment level. The agency also serves some school-aged people with disabilities in an effort to support their transition into the work environment. Services include assessment for determining eligibility and vocational rehabilitation needs; counseling, guidance and referral; physical and mental restoration services; vocational and other training services; placement in suitable employment and follow-up; and other goods and services that can help an individual with a disability become gainfully employed. The Workshop Production Program provides individuals with disabilities actual work experience in industrial-type settings established in the Department's local rehabilitation centers throughout the state. These centers provide complete vocational evaluations as well as personal,*

social and work adjustment training programs that help people make the transition to competitive employment. The department operates a network of statewide facilities designed to provide specialized services to individuals with various types of severe disabilities. This includes facilities and services in settings operated by the departments of Mental Health, Corrections and Juvenile Justice, the Workers' Compensation Program, Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, Charleston VA Hospital, Roger C. Peace Rehabilitation Institute in Greenville, Medical University of South Carolina, as well as the two residential rehabilitation centers for substance abusers operated by the Vocational Rehabilitation Department. The Department also has service staff located in some of South Carolina's 90 school districts and serves students with disabilities from its area offices in the other districts.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Evaluation Center is a multidisciplinary program for individuals with severe disabilities. This facility is a 30-bed residential facility that offers medical services (including a chronic pain program); occupational therapy; personal and social adjustment; and industrial rehabilitation, including work-hardening, psychological services, speech therapy and vocational evaluation. The Muscular Development Center offers aquatic, physical recreational and exercise therapies.

Other programs include the Computer Training Program and the Rehabilitation Engineering Program. The Center for Rehabilitation Technology Services (CRTS) is a rehabilitation engineering center funded to develop service delivery models for assistance technology in the vocational rehabilitation process.

Second Injury Fund
220 Executive Center Dr, Ste 119
Columbia SC 29210
(803) 798-2722
FAX (803) 798-5290

- *encourages employment of individuals with disabilities by reimbursing employers a portion of workers' compensation costs when an employee with a disability is injured on the job.*

SECTION IV
South Carolina Support Groups

AUTISM

Advocacy Coalition for People with Disabilities
Contact: Linda Cecchetti
1064 Gardner Rd, Ste 306
PO Box 31050
Charleston SC 29417
(803) 852-5558

- *advocates for people with disabilities.*

American Association on Mental Retardation-SC Chapter
Contact: Dr. Keri Weed
Dept of Psychology - USC at Aiken
171 University Pkwy
Aiken SC 29801
(803) 641-3220
E-mail: KERIW@AIKEN.SC.EDU

- *association for professionals involved in service, training and research for people with mental retardation.*

Family Connection of SC Inc.
2712 Middleburg Dr, Ste 103B
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 252-0914 (Columbia)
(864) 455-6213 (Greenville)
FAX (803) 799-8017 (Columbia)
FAX (864) 455-6299 (Greenville)
1-800-578-8750

- *nonprofit, statewide support network for families of children with developmental delay, disability or chronic illness; fosters family-to-family support and communication between families and professionals through statewide conferences and support groups; provides one-to-one matches of parents by disability or chronic illness for emotional and informational support; provides specialized training for parents to become support parents; provides Family Partners, by health district, to families with children who are eligible for BabyNet, South Carolina's early intervention program; publishes a quarterly newsletter, "The Link,"; publishes a listing of support groups in South Carolina; provides information and resources; all services are free.*

SC Autism Society
Contact: Beverly McCarty
3120 Beltline Blvd, Ste 102
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 254-7400
Support Groups:
Charleston (803) 763-6877
Aiken (803) 642-5719
Columbia (803) 736-2094
Georgetown (803) 546-4824
Sumter (803) 481-0342
Sumter (803) 778-1045

- *provides advocacy, information, training and referrals to professionals and people with autism and their families; fosters support groups across the state.*

Florence (803) 662-6470
Hartsville (803) 383-3484
Hartsville (803) 383-2313
Greenville (864) 233-7708
Rock Hill (803) 366-4907
FAX (803) 254-7400 (Columbia, call first)

The Arc of the Midlands
Advocates for the Rights of Citizens with Disabilities
500 Rivermont Dr
Columbia SC 29210
(803) 779-3610
FAX (803) 252-5981

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

The Caring Connection
Vince Moseley Center
41 Bee St
Charleston SC 29425
(803) 792-0669
FAX (803) 792-6799
1-800-424-6872

- *a network of families, students, teachers and health care professionals who give support to individuals with special needs and their families.*

BRAIN INJURY AND SIMILAR DISABILITIES

Advocacy Coalition for People with Disabilities
Contact: Linda Cecchetti
1064 Gardner Rd, Ste 306
PO Box 31050
Charleston SC 29417
(803) 852-5558

- *advocates for people with disabilities.*

Brain Injury Association of SC (formerly South Carolina Head Injury Association)
PO Box 1912
Orangeburg SC 29116
(803) 533-1613
FAX (803) 531-3376
1-800-767-9701
E-mail: charlesm@oburg.net

- *offers education, support, prevention materials, advocacy and a listing of rehabilitation centers to survivors of brain injury and their families.*

Disability Action Center
3126 Beltline Blvd
Columbia SC 29204
Columbia (803) 779-5121
Florence (803) 665-5589
Greenville (864) 235-1421
Rock Hill (803) 324-5161

- *provides counseling, independent-living skills training, peer support groups, a statewide registry of certified personal care attendants, referral services, community education, and individual and systems advocacy to people with disabilities; regional offices located in Florence, Greenville and Rock Hill.*

PALS (People Always Lending Support)
1040 Huntington Dr
Hartsville SC 29550
(803) 332-5488
(803) 383-5169
E-mail: scpal@aol.com

- *provides information and support to people with a brain injury, lupus, multiple sclerosis, Addison's disease, stroke, quadriplegia, connective tissue diseases, arthritis, fibromyalgia and other chronic illnesses.*

SC Association of Independent Brain Injury Groups
556 Wimbledon Ct
Columbia SC 29210
(803) 749-3983

- *offers education, support, prevention materials, advocacy and a listing of rehabilitation centers to survivors of brain injury and their families.*

SC Disabilities Research Commission
1230 Pendleton St
Columbia SC 29201-3796
(803) 733-6917

- *provides advocacy, research and education to individuals with disabilities and their families.*

SHINE (Support Head Injury Needs Effectively)
Contact: Charles Sanford
541 McNelly Rd
Piedmont SC 29673
(864) 269-0426

- *provides information and support to survivors of brain injury and their families.*

Traumatic Brain Injury Association of SC
SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department
1410 Boston Ave
PO Box 15
West Columbia SC 29171-0015
Charleston (803) 552-0696
Greenville (864) 963-9487
FAX (803) 552-7878 (Columbia)

- *provides information and support to survivors of brain injury and their families, and promotes community awareness about brain injury.*

Trident Brain Injury Support Group
Contact: Lee Sokolitz
12-I Ashley House Lockwood Dr
Charleston SC 29401
(803) 577-2608

- *provides support, information and a monthly newsletter to survivors of brain injury and their families.*

Union Independent Living Team
Contact: Billy Shaw
2874 Santus Carlisle Hwy
Union SC 29379
(864) 429-1748

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

MENTAL RETARDATION AND RELATED DISABILITIES

Advocacy Coalition for People with Disabilities
Contact: Linda Cecchetti
1064 Gardner Rd, Ste 306
PO Box 31050
Charleston SC 29417
(803) 852-5558

- *advocates for people with disabilities.*

American Association on Mental Retardation-SC Chapter
Contact: Dr. Keri Weed
Dept of Psychology-USC at Aiken
171 University Pkwy
Aiken SC 29801
(803) 641-3220
E-mail: KERIW@AIKEN.SC.EDU

- *association for professionals involved in service, training and research for people with mental retardation.*

Anderson County Parent/Consumer Review Team & Anderson County Parents Club
Contacts: Rainey Moody and Betty Rudisill
212 McGee Rd
Anderson SC 29625
(864) 226-0373

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Babcock Center Self Advocacy Groups
Contact: Ed Harmon
PO Box 3817
Columbia SC 29230
(803) 359-9717

- *provides vocational and social supports for people in Babcock Center workshops; monthly meetings are open to people enrolled in South Richland, North Richland and Lexington workshops; Employment Advisory Committee addresses concerns about work and employment for people with disabilities.*

Berkeley Citizens Consumer/Family Organization
Contact: Pamela Kirton
101 Bridgetown Rd, Apt 25C
Goose Creek SC 29445
(803) 553-6184

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Berkeley Citizens Inc-Self Advocacy Group
Contact: Susan Tillman
PO Drawer 429
Moncks Corner SC 29461
(803) 761-8513
(803) 853-9075
FAX (803) 899-4167

- *provides self-advocacy for people with disabilities.*

Calhoun County DSN Board Consumer/Family Organization Council
Contact: Mary Williams
Rte 2
PO Box 341
St Matthews SC 29135
(803) 874-2484

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Cherokee DSN Board Consumer/Family Organization Council
Contact: Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bouwkamp
124 Laurel Ln
Gaffney SC 29341
(864) 487-2350

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Chester DSN Board Consumer/Family Organization Council
PO Box 246
Chester SC 29706
(803) 581-1091

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Clarendon County Parent/ Family Council
Contact: David Baker
PO Drawer 40
Manning SC 29102
(803) 473-7782

- *provides support to individuals with disabilities and their families.*

Colleton County DSN Board Consumer/Family Organization Council
Contact: Barbara Meetze
Coastal Empire Mental Health
PO Box 478
Walterboro SC 29488
(803) 549-1551
- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Darlington County DSN Board Family Advisory Council
Contact: Miranda Loyd
714 Canal St
Hartsville SC 29550
(803) 332-1843
- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Dorchester Board of DSN Family Committee
Contact: Jerry Rogers
Edisto Financial Services
3251 Landmark Dr, Ste 141
North Charleston SC 29418
(803) 871-8990
- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Down Syndrome Association of the Lowcountry
PO Box 12905
Charleston SC 29442
(803) 553-DSAL
E-mail: pilchees@musc.edu
- *provides advocacy and information to people with Down syndrome and their families.*

Down Syndrome Family Alliance of Greenville
Contact: Peggy Vaughn
1021 Hudson Rd
Greenville SC 29615
(864) 294-4667
- *provides support to families of children with Down syndrome.*

Fairfield County DSN Board Family Advisory Council
Contact: Larry Fowler
PO Box 367
Winnsboro SC 29180
(803) 635-2154
- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Family Advisory Committee
Contact: Mary Robertson
504 S Hickory St
Pageland SC 29728
(803) 672-6335
- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Family Connection of SC Inc.
Contact: Connie Ginsberg
2712 Middleburg Dr, Ste 103B
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 252-0914
- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

Family/Friends Action Group of Aiken
Contact: Donald Paxton
1004 Tamarack Dr
North Augusta SC 29841
(803) 279-1470
- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Friends for Fun
Contact: Elizabeth Barnes
PO Box 698
Aiken SC 29802
(803) 642-8800

- *provides recreation and self advocacy opportunities for high school students and adults with disabilities.*

Friends of DD
Contact: Walter Sparrow
PO Box 12810
Florence SC 29504
(803) 394-2754

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Friends of Persons with Disabilities
Contact: Jerome McKiver
PO Box 30
Rock Hill SC 29731
(803) 324-5161

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

GAR Consumer/Family Organization
Contact: Wade Barber
201 Park Ave
Greenville SC 29601
(864) 233-2721

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Georgetown County DSN Board Consumer/Family Council
Contact: Dorothy Foxworth
PO Box 1471
Georgetown SC 29442
(803) 546-8228

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Greenwood Family Consumer Group
Contact: David Hyde
604 Gatewood Dr
Greenwood SC 29646
(864) 223-1160

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Hampton County DSN Board Consumer/Family Organization Council
Contact: Leola Gethers
PO Box 236
Hampton SC 29924
(803) 943-2207

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Horry County ARC
Contact: Stanley Nixon
105 Ashwood Cr
Conway SC 29526-8900
(803) 347-8444

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

Jasper County DSN Board Family Support Group
Contact: Debra Hargrove
PO Box 747
Ridgeland SC 29936
(803) 726-4499

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

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Kershaw County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs Self Advocacy Group
Contact: Joe Godlove
PO Box 310
Camden SC 29020
(803) 432-4841

- *focuses on vocational issues affecting adults with mental retardation, autism, or brain or spinal cord injuries.*

Lancaster County Family Support Group
Contact: Eva Richardson
264 Holiday Rd
Lancaster SC 29720
(803) 286-5674

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Laurens County Association for Retarded Citizens
Contact: Sara Burgess
PO Box 735
Laurens SC 29360-0735
(864) 682-3431

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

Marion-Dillon Parent/Guardian Association
Contact: Nancy Hargrove
407 Curry St
Dillon SC 29536
(803) 774-9514

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Marlboro County DSN Board Consumer/Family Organization
Contact: Joyce Perkins
PO Box 1212
Bennettsville SC 29512
(803) 479-5370

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Midlands Center Family Council
Contact: Mary Barbara Kleckley
228 Rucker Rd
Chapin SC 29036
(803) 732-0158

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Oconee ARC
Contact: Eugene Rusk
23032 McDonal Point Rd
Seneca SC 29672
(864) 882-7243

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

Orangeburg County DSN Board Consumer/Family Organization Council
Contact: Sallie Bodrick
448 Henley St
Orangeburg SC 29115
(803) 536-1371

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Our Voices Count, Too
Contacts: Richard Troublefield or
Glenda Hyman-Singletary
PO Box 12810
Florence SC 29504
(803) 667-5997

- *offers education, awareness and self advocacy development, speakers bureau, legislative advocacy and public relations.*

PALS (People Always Lending Support)
Contact: Nancy Caffee
1040 Huntington Dr
Hartsville SC 29550
(803) 332-5488

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

PACT for Disabilities
Contact: Evelyn Reynolds
PO Box 310
Camden SC 29020
(803) 432-4841

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Parent/Relatives of Exceptional People (PREP)
Contact: Julia Merriweather
Rte 1
PO Box 565
Hemingway SC 29554
(803) 558-3689

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Parents and Everyone for Exceptional People (PEEP)
Contact: Debbie Rabon
935 Ridgehill Dr
Sumter SC 29154
(803) 481-5069

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Parents and Guardians Association of the Coastal Region
Contact: Mary Stanton
3602 Morse Ave
Johns Islands SC 29455
(803) 766-2863

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Parents Reaching Out to Parents (PRO-Parents)
Contact: Mary Eaddy
2712 Middleburg Dr, Ste 102
Columbia SC 29204
V/TTY 1-800-759-4776
V/TTY (803) 779-3859

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

Pee Dee Regional Parent Council
Contact: Leroy Howard
5377 Keith Rd
Sumter SC 29150
(803) 494-8210

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

People First of Rock Hill
Contact: Denise Simpson
PO Box 30
Rock Hill SC 29731
(803) 324-5161

- *provides support and training for self advocates.*

People On the Go–The Arc of the Midlands
Contact: Kimberly McAllister
PO Box 8707
Columbia SC 29202
(803) 779-3610

- *provides information, education and training on effective self advocacy for adults with disabilities. Employment Advisory Committee addresses concerns about work and employment for people with disabilities.*

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Pickens County Association for Retarded Citizens
Contact: Sam Jewell
PO Box 1691
Easley SC 29641
(864) 859-6696

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

Prader-Willi Syndrome Association (SC)
1817 Pickens St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 779-2204
(803) 788-0544

- *provides information and advocacy to families of people with Prader-Willi syndrome.*

Richland-Lexington County DSN Board Consumer/Family Organization Council
Contact: Evelyn Gabriel
105 Columbia Club Dr W
Blythewood SC 29016
(803) 754-3106

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

Saleeby Center Parent Council
Contact: Phillip Steele
335 Stuckey St
Sumter SC 29150
(803) 773-4128

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

SC Down Syndrome Conference
Contact: Kay Richardson
PO Box 50466
Columbia SC 29250
(803) 256-7394
FAX (803) 212-4799

- *a nonprofit organization that works at the national and local levels to promote the well-being of people with Down syndrome; provides information and holds a biannual family conference.*

Self Advocacy Advisory Committee - Whitten Center
Contact: William Killion
PO Box 239
Clinton SC 29325
(864) 833-2733

- *provides opportunity for residents to learn self advocacy skills and address issues affecting people receiving services.*

Spartanburg County Family Advisory and Support Council
Contact: Sam Coakley
16 Woodwind Dr
Spartanburg SC 29302
(864) 585-3655

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

The Arc of South Carolina
Contact: Charles M. Luce
3502 Deerfield Dr
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 782-2250

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

The Arc of the Midlands
Advocates for the Rights of Citizens with Disabilities
500 Rivermont Dr
Columbia SC 29210
(803) 779-3610
FAX (803) 252-5981

- *advocacy organization that provides information, training and support to people with mental retardation and their families.*

The Caring Connection
Vince Moseley Center
41 Bee St
Charleston SC 29425
(803) 792-0669
FAX (803) 792-6799
1-800-424-6872 Caring Connection

- *a network of families, students, teachers and health care professionals who give support to individuals with special needs and their families.*

Union County Parent/Relative Support Association
Contact: Nora Lewis
PO Box 236
Union SC 29379
(864) 427-5833

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

SPINAL CORD INJURY AND SIMILAR DISABILITIES

Achieving Wheelchair Equality/Lowcountry Wheelchair Sports
Contact: Gilbert Smith
PO Box 30866
Charleston SC 29417
(803) 763-2538

- *provides support, sports opportunities, community accessibility assessment and community recreation programs for people with disabilities; meets 3rd Tuesday of each month; provides special events.*

Advocacy Coalition for People with Disabilities
Contact: Linda Cecchetti
1064 Gardner Rd, Ste 306
PO Box 31050
Charleston SC 29417
(803) 852-5558

- *advocates for people with disabilities.*

Aiken Able-Disabled Inc.
PO Box 264
Aiken SC 29802
(803) 648-7818

- *provides advocacy and support to spinal cord injury survivors and their families.*

Disability Action Center
3126 Beltline Blvd
Columbia SC 29204
Columbia (803) 779-5121
Florence (803) 665-5589
Greenville (864) 235-1421
Rock Hill (803) 324-5161

- *provides counseling, independent-living skills training, peer support groups, a statewide registry of certified personal care attendants, referral services, community education, and individual and systems advocacy to people with disabilities; regional offices located in Florence, Greenville and Rock Hill.*

Lowcountry Polio Survivors Network
340 Bertran Rd
Summerville SC 29485-8391
(803) 832-2327

- *provides information and support to survivors of polio.*

SC Disabilities Research Commission
1230 Pendleton St
Columbia SC 29201-3796
(803) 733-6917

- *provides advocacy, research and education to individuals with disabilities and their families.*

SC Handicapped Sportsman Inc.
603 Ridgewood Dr
Waterloo SC 29384
(864) 677-3179

- *provides outdoor recreation opportunities, adaptive equipment and information for people with mobility impairments; sponsors events such as fishing tournaments and deer hunts.*

SC Physically Handicapped Society
221 Timberlake Rd
Anderson SC 29625
(864) 226-8063

- *provides advocacy and support to spinal cord injury survivors and their families.*

SC Spinal Cord Injury Association
Contact: Eric Outlaw
1412 Old Manor Rd, #1403
Columbia SC 29210
(803) 551-2383

- *provides advocacy and support to spinal cord injury survivors and their families.*

Spinal Cord Injury Association of the Upstate
Contact: David White
Roger Peace Hospital Rehabilitation
Nursing Unit
701 Grove Rd
Greenville SC 29605
(864) 455-7792
(864) 834-2580

- *offers support and information to survivors of spinal cord injury and their families.*

Spinal Cord Injury Support Group of Union
PO Box 903
Union SC 29379
(864) 427-7700
E-mail: JSHAW@INFOAVE.NET

- *offers support and information to survivors of spinal cord injury and their families.*

Union Independent Living Team
Contact: Billy Shaw
2874 Santuc Carlisle Hwy
Union SC 29379
(864) 429-1748

- *provides support to people with disabilities and their families.*

SECTION V
More Help
Toll-free Numbers

Support and information on disabilities is available from statewide and national organizations to individuals and their families. The following organizations provide toll-free numbers:

ABC Child Care Voucher System 1-800-476-0199

Abiding Hearts ..... V/TTY 1-800-233-3131

ABLEDATA ..... V/TTY 1-800-227-0216

Accent Books & Products 1-800-787-8444

Access to Respite Care and Help (ARCH) 1-800-473-1727

ADA Technical Assistance Hotline 1-800-466-4232

ADA Technical Assistance Program 1-800-514-0301
TTY 1-800-514-0383

Adoption & Birth Parent Services 1-800-922-2504

AIDS Hotline (DHEC) 1-800-322-2437

AIDS Information Clearinghouse 1-800-458-5231

Alliance of Genetic Support Groups 1-800-336-GENE (4363)

Alzheimer's Association, Mid-State SC Chapter 1-800-636-3346

Alzheimer's Association, National 1-800-272-3900

Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral Center 1-800-438-4380

American Association on Mental Retardation 1-800-424-3688

American Brain Tumor Association 1-800-886-2282

American Cleft Palate/Craniofacial Association and Cleft Palate Foundation 1-800-24-CLEFT (1-800-242-5338)

American Council for the Blind 1-800-424-8666

American Diabetes Association - SC Chapter 1-800-354-5292

American Foundation for the Blind 1-800-232-5463

American Occupational Therapy Association 1-800-SAY-AOTA
(member line) TTY 1-800-377-8555

American Paralysis Association 1-800-225-0292

American Parkinson's Disease Association Inc. 1-800-223-2732

American Printing House for the Blind 1-800-223-1839

American Society for Deaf Children 1-800-942-ASDC (2732)
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association ..... V/TTY 1-800-638-8255
American Syringomyelia Alliance Project Inc. 1-800-272-7282
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Association 1-800-782-4747
Ask-A-Nurse 1-800-922-4544
Association of Birth Defect Children 1-800-313-2232
Ataxia Telangiectasia Children's Project 1-800-5-HELP-AT (543-5728)
Autism Society of America 1-800-3AUTISM
BabyNet 1-800-922-1107
Battens Disease Support and Research Association 1-800-448-4570
Beckwith-Wiedeman Support Network ..... (families) 1-800-837-2976
Better Hearing Institute ..... V/TTY 1-800-EAR WELL (327-9355)
Blind and Physically Handicapped Services of SC 1-800-922-7818
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of SC ..... (home office) 1-800-288-2227
(SC Health Insurance Pool) 1-800-868-2503
Brain Injury Association 1-800-444-6443
Brain Injury Association of SC
(formerly South Carolina Head Injury Association) 1-800-767-9701
Camp Adam Fisher 1-800-354-5292
Center for Universal Design 1-800-647-6777
CHAMPUS 1-800-403-3950
Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association 1-800-606-CMTA
Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-422-4453
1-800-722-2737
Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders (CHADD) 1-800-233-4050
Children's Craniofacial Association 1-800-535-3643
Children's Hospice 1-800-242-4453
Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted Education 1-800-328-0207
Commun-I-Care 1-800-763-0059
Council on Child Abuse and Neglect Inc. 1-800-722-2737
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Carolinas' Chapter 1-800-336-0329
DDSN Consumer Affairs Advocate 1-888-DSN-INFO
Deaf-Blind Link 1-800-438-9376
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund ..... V/TTY 1-800-466-4232

Disability Rights Section	1-800-514-0301
	TTY 1-800-514-0383
District Internal Revenue Service	(tax information) 1-800-829-1040
	(tax forms) 1-800-829-3676
Division of Guardian Ad Litem	1-800-277-0113
Drug Information Access Line	1-800-942-3425
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation	1-800-377-DYST (3978)
Epilepsy Foundation of America	1-800-332-1000
Exceptional Parent	1-800-247-8080
Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy	1-800-886-1762
Family Connection of SC Inc.	1-800-578-8750
Family Service Center	1-800-922-5651
Family Support Network	1-800-788-5131
Federal Hill-Burton Free Care Program	1-800-638-0742
Federal Information Center	1-800-688-9889
First Nine Care Line	1-800-868-0404
Florence County Disabilities Foundation	1-800-428-5258
Foundation Fighting Blindness	1-800-683-5555
Foundation for Nager and Miller Syndromes	1-800-507-3667
Girl Scouts of the USA	1-800-223-0624
Greenwood Genetic Center	1-888-GGC-GENE (442-4363)
Guardians of Hydrocephalus Research Foundation	1-800-458-8655
Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind Inc.	1-800-548-4337
Habitat for Humanity International	1-800-HABITAT (422-4828)
Handicapped Media	1-800-321-8708
Health Resource Center	1-800-544-3284
Healthcare Rehabilitation Center	1-800-252-5151
Healthy Start	1-800-747-2229
Hear Now	1-800-648-4327
Hearing Hotline	1-800-327-9355
Help Hotline	1-800-922-2283
Hitchcock Rehabilitation Center	1-800-207-6924
HUD Housing Discrimination Hotline	1-800-669-9777
Huntington's Disease Society of America	1-800-345-4372

International Hearing Society 1-800-521-5247

International Orton Dyslexia Society 1-800-222-3123

International Rett Syndrome Association 1-800-818-7388

Job Accommodation Network ..... Accommodation Information: V/TTY 1-800-526-7234
ADA Information: V/TTY 1-800-232-9675

John Douglas French Alzheimer's Foundation 1-800-477-2243

Lighthouse Consumer Products 1-800-829-0500

Macular Degeneration International 1-800-393-7634

March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation 1-888-modimes (663-4637)

Medicare 1-800-922-2340

Medicare/Medigap Information and Second Surgical Opinion Program . 1-800-638-6833

Mental Health Association in SC 1-800-375-9894

Mid-State SC Chapter of Alzheimer's Association 1-800-636-3346

Minority Health Resource Center 1-800-444-6472

Missing Person Information Center 1-800-322-4453

Multiple Sclerosis Society 1-800-922-7591

Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) 1-800-572-1717

National AIDS Hotline 1-800-342-2437
(Spanish) 1-800-344-7432
TTY 1-800-243-7889

National Angelman Syndrome Foundation 1-800-IF-ANGEL (432-6435)

National Aphasia Association 1-800-922-4622

National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired 1-800-562-6265

National Brain Tumor Foundation 1-800-934-CURE (2873)

National Captioning Institute 1-800-999-0958
TTY 1-800-950-0958

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information 1-800-729-6686
TTY 1-800-487-4889

National Clearinghouse on Post-secondary Education for Individuals with Disabilities 1-800-544-3284

National Council on Child Abuse and Family Violence 1-800-222-2000

National Down Syndrome Congress 1-800-232-6372

National Down Syndrome Society 1-800-221-4602

National Dyslexia Research Foundation 1-800-824-7323

National Easter Seal Society 1-800-221-6827

National Epilepsy Library 1-800-332-4050

National Federation of the Blind, Job Opportunities for the Blind 1-800-638-7518

National Fragile X Foundation 1-800-688-8765

National Health Information Center 1-800-336-4797

National Hearing Aid Society 1-800-521-5247

National Home of Your Own Alliance 1-800-220-8770

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY) ..... V/TTY 1-800-695-0285

National Information Clearinghouse for Infants with Disabilities and Life-threatening Conditions and Vietnam Veterans & Their Families 1-800-922-9234

National Injury Information Clearinghouse 1-800-638-CPSC (2772)

National Institute of Mental Health ..... (depression) 1-800-421-4211

(panic and anxiety disorders) 1-800-64PANIC (72642), 1-800-8ANXIET (269438)

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Information Clearinghouse (NIDCD) 1-800-241-1044

Hereditary Hearing Impairment Research Register 1-800-320-1171

TTY 1-800-241-1055

National Kitchen and Bath Association 1-800-367-6522

National Lead Information Center 1-800-532-3394

1-800-424-5323

National Leighs Disease Foundation 1-800-819-2551

National Mental Health Association 1-800-969-6642

National Multiple Sclerosis Society 1-800-344-4867

National Neurofibromatosis Foundation 1-800-323-7938

National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) 1-800-999-6673

National Organization of Dually Diagnosed (MI/MR) 1-800-331-5362

National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS) 1-800-666-6327

National Parent-to-Parent Support and Information System 1-800-651-1151

National Parkinson's Foundation 1-800-327-4545

National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC) 1-800-346-2742

National Respite Network 1-800-473-1727

National Spinal Cord Injury Association 1-800-962-9629

National Spinal Cord Injury Hotline 1-800-526-3456

National Tay-Sachs and Allied Diseases Association 1-800-90NTSAD

National Tour Association Handicapped Travel Division 1-800-NTA-8886 (682-8886)
National Tuberous Sclerosis Association 1-800-225-6872
Neurofibromatosis Inc. 1-800-942-6825
Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity 1-800-424-8590
Office of Minority Health Resource Center 1-800-444-6472
Office of the Governor 1-800-277-0113
Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS) 1-800-723-7257
Palmetto Poison Control Hotline 1-800-922-1117
Parents Anonymous 24 Hour Hotline 1-800-326-8621
Parents Reaching Out to Parents (PRO-Parents) ..... V/TTY 1-800-759-4776
Parkinson's Action Network 1-800-850-4726
Parkinson's Disease Foundation 1-800-457-6676
Pathways Awareness Foundation 1-800-955-2445
Prader-Willi Syndrome Association 1-800-926-4797
Prevent Blindness America 1-800-331-2020
Project ACTION 1-800-659-NIAT (6428)
Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities Inc. (P&A)
Charleston 1-800-743-2553
Columbia 1-800-800-6997
Florence 1-800-868-0752
Greenville 1-800-758-5212
V/TTY 1-800-922-5225
Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic Inc. 1-800-221-4792
Relay South Carolina 1-800-735-2905
Research to Prevent Blindness Inc. 1-800-621-0026
Roger C. Peace Hospital 1-800-868-8871
SC ADA Network 1-800-436-8190
SC Alliance for the Mentally Ill 1-800-788-5131
SC Commission for the Blind 1-800-922-2222
SC Council on Adoptable Children 1-800-374-9710
SC Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS)
..... (Drugstore Information Clearinghouse) 1-800-942-3425
SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs 1-888-DSN-INFO (376-4636)
SC Department of Education 1-800-763-KIDS (5437)
SC Department of Health and Human Services ..... (provider lines) 1-800-262-4416
(client lines) 1-800-476-0199

SC Department of Insurance 1-800-768-3467

SC Department of Social Services ..... (client inquiry office) 1-800-768-5700

(day care licensing and regulations) 1-800-230-8229

(Medicaid) 1-800-768-5700

(Medicaid transportation) 1-800-768-5700

(WIC food supplement program) 1-800-922-4406

SC Employment Security Commission ..... (ADA Information) V/TTY 1-800-436-8190

SC Head Injury Association 1-800-767-9701

SC Health Insurance Pool ..... 1-800-868-2500, ext 42757

SC Legal Services Association 1-800-922-2730

SC March of Dimes 1-800-277-2773

SC Mentor 1-800-636-8676

SC Seedlings 1-800-374-9710

SC Self-Help Association Regarding Emotion (SC SHARE) 1-800-832-8032

SC Services Information System 1-800-922-1107

SC Special Olympics 1-800-765-7276

SC Speech and Hearing Association 1-800-445-8629

SC State Library 1-800-922-7818

SC University Affiliated Program (UAP) 1-800-922-1107

Schools Hot Line ..... V/TTY 1-800-893-1225

Siblings for Significant Change 1-800-841-8251

SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) Alliance Hotline 1-800-221-7437

Social Security Administration District Office ..... (Medicare) 1-800-772-1213

South Carolina Mentor 1-800-636-8676

Southeast DBTAC
(Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center) ..... V/TTY 1-800-949-4232

Southeastern Paralyzed Veterans Association Inc. 1-800-292-9335

Spina Bifida Association of America 1-800-621-3141

Sturge-Weber Foundation 1-800-627-5482

Support Organization for Trisomy 18, 13 and Related Disorders 1-800-716-7638

TDD and TTY Operator Services 1-800-855-1155

Tele-Consumer Hotline ..... V/TTY 1-800-332-1124

The Arc 1-800-433-5255

The Arc Medical Plan 1-800-323-2106

The Caring Connection 1-800-424-6872

The Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation 1-800-223-8355
1-800-753-2357

The Deaf-Blind Link 1-800-438-9376
TTY 1-800-854-7013

The Easter Seal Society of South Carolina 1-800-951-4090

The Foundation Fighting Blindness 1-800-683-5555
1-888-394-3937
TTY (800) 683-5551

The Lead Line of the House Ear Institute of Los Angeles ..... V/TTY 1-800-352-8888

The Lighthouse Information and Resource Service 1-800-334-5497

The MAGIC Foundation 1-800-362-4423

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke 1-800-352-9424

The Orton Dyslexia Society 1-800-ABCD123

Tourette Syndrome Association Inc. 1-800-237-0717

Treacher Collins Foundation 1-800-TCF-2055

Turner's Syndrome Society 1-800-465-6744

United Cerebral Palsy Association Inc. 1-800-USA-5UCP (872-5827)

US Architectural Transportation Barriers Compliance Board 1-800-USA-ABLE (872-2253)

US Consumer Product Safety Commission Hotline 1-800-638-CPSC (2772)

US Department of Justice ..... (voice) 1-800-514-0301
TTY 1-800-514-0383

US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission 1-800 669-4000
TTY 1-800-669-6820

US Government TDD Directory Federal Information Relay Service 1-800-877-8339

Very Special Arts 1-800-933-8721

Von Hippel Lindau Family Alliance 1-800-767-4VHL (4845)

WE MOVE: Worldwide Education and Awareness
for Movement Disorders 1-800-437-MOV2 (6682)

Publications

Many agencies and organizations offer publications to educate families of people with disabilities and special needs about services, special events and other important information. For more information, contact the following organizations or your local DSN board (see page 13).

A Parent's Guide to Accessing Programs for Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers with Handicaps

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)
PO Box 1492
Washington DC 20013-1492
V/TTY (202) 884-8200
V/TTY 1-800-695-0285
E-mail: NICHCY@aed.org
Home page: http:www.aed.org/nichcy

- published by NICHCY; free copies are available.

A Summary of Existing Legislation Affecting People with Disabilities

US Department of Education
330 C St SW, Rm 3132
Washington DC 20202-2524
V/TTY (202) 205-8241
V/TTY (202) 205-8723

- a history and description of all relevant federal laws.

Accent on Living

Cheever Publishing Inc.
PO Box 700
Bloomington IL 61702
(309) 378-2961
FAX (309) 378-4420
E-mail: ACCENTLVNG@AOL.com.
Home page: http://www.blvd.com/accent

- published quarterly; provides information about equipment, resources and services for people with disabilities.

ADA Guide for Small Businesses

ADA Technical Assistance Program
US Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division/Disability Rights Section
PO Box 66738
Washington DC 20035-6738
1-800-514-0301
TTY 1-800-514-0383
Home page: http://www.USDOS.GOV/ADA/ADAHOMI.HTM

- explains efficient ways to comply with the ADA and address specific topics of interest to businesses, state and local governments, architects and others.

ADA Pipeline

Southeast DBTAC (Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center)
1776 Peachtree Rd, Ste 208 N
Atlanta GA 30309-2351
V/TTY (404) 888-0022
V/TTY 1-800-949-4232
FAX (404) 888-9091
E-mail: sedbtac@aol.com
Home page: http://www.assisttech.com/SEDBTAC.html

- published quarterly by the Southeast Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center; provides information about ADA laws, legislation, lawsuits, enforcement and assistance.

ADA Technical Assistance Manual

US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
1801 L St NW
Washington DC 20507
(202) 663-4900
1-800-669-4000
TTY 1-800-669-6820
E-mail: EEOCOLC@capcon.net
Home page: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/gils/gils.html

- "how to" information on Title I compliance and resource directory.

ADA-TA

ADA Technical Assistance Program
US Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division/Disability Rights Section
PO Box 66738
Washington DC 20035-6738
1-800-514-0301
TTY 1-800-514-0383
Home page: http://www.USDOS.GOV/ADA/ADAHOMI.HTM

- explains efficient ways to comply with the ADA and addresses specific topics of interest to businesses, state and local governments, architects and others.

An Accessible Home of Your Own

Accent Books & Products
PO Box 700
Bloomington IL 61702
(309) 378-2961
1-800-787-8444
FAX (309) 378-4420
E-mail: acntlving@aol.com
Home page: http://www.blvd.com/accent

- includes 14 articles on how to make a disabled person's home more accessible; $4.50.

Autism Research Review International
Autism Research Institute
4182 Adams Ave
San Diego CA 92116
(619) 281-7165
FAX (619) 563-6840

- provides family support along with updates on medical and behavioral research.

Autism Today
Edmonton Autism Society
#101, 11720 Kingsway Ave
Edmonton AB
Canada T5G 0X5
(403) 453-3971
FAX (403) 447-4948
E-mail: eas@oanet.com

- published by the Edmonton Autism Society, provides information and support services to professionals and parents of children with autism.

Consumer's Guide to Home Adaptation
Adaptive Environments Center
374 Congress St, Ste 301
Boston MA 02210
TTY (617) 695-1225
FAX (617) 482-8099
E-mail: adaptive@interramp.com
Home page: http://www.adaptenv.org

- workbook enabling people with disabilities and older people to plan the modifications necessary to adapt their homes; describes how to widen doorways, lower counter tops, etc.; $12.00.

Down Syndrome Headline News
National Down Syndrome Congress
1605 Chantilly Dr, Ste 250
Atlanta GA 30324
(404) 633-1555
1-800-232-6372
FAX (404) 633-2817
E-mail: ndsc@charitiesusa.com
Home page: http://www.carol.net/~ndsc/

- success stories about people with Down syndrome written by people with Down syndrome.

Families and Disability Newsletter
Beach Center on Families and Disability
University of Kansas
3111 Haworth Hall
Lawrence KS 66045
(913) 864-7600
FAX (913) 864-7605
E-mail: Beach@dole.lsi.ukans.edu

- published three times a year by the Beach Center on Families and Disability; subscriptions are free.

From the Ashes
Phoenix Project
Head Injury Hotline
PO Box 84151
Seattle WA 98124
(206) 329-1371
FAX (206) 623-4251
E-mail: brain@headinjury.com
Home page: http://www.headinjury.com/brain

- guide to recognizing and coping with changes in behavior, mood and memory caused by brain injury.

Frontline
Now...and the Future
Office of the Governor
Developmental Disabilities Council
Edgar A Brown Bldg, Ste 372
1205 Pendleton St
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-0465
FAX (803) 734-0241

- published by the Developmental Disabilities Council. Subscriptions to *Frontline*, a quarterly newsletter, are free. *Now...and the Future* is a guide to guardianship, wills, trusts, life and health insurance, government benefits and other practical matters.

Ideas for Making Your Home Accessible
Accent Books & Products
PO Box 700
Bloomington IL 61702
(309) 378-2961
1-800-787-8444
FAX (309) 378-4420
E-mail: acntlving@aol.com
Home page: http://www.blvd.com/accent

- ideas for making each room of a house accessible; $7.50.

Insights into Spina Bifida
Spina Bifida Association of America
4590 MacArthur Blvd NW, Ste 250
Washington DC 20007-4226
(202) 944-3285
1-800-621-3141
FAX (202) 944-3295
E-mail: spinabifida@aol.com
Home page: http://www.infohiway.com/spinabifida

- bimonthly newsletter published by the Spina Bifida Association of America, providing legislative, medical and advocacy information to families and professionals; there is a charge for subscriptions.

Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders
Plenum Publishing Corporation
233 Spring St
New York NY 10013
(212) 620-8000
1-800-221-9369
FAX (212) 807-1047
E-mail: gopherplenum.titlenet.com6200
Home page: http://www.plenum.com

- publication for professionals.

Pocket Guide to Federal Help for Individuals with Disabilities
US Department of Education
330 C St SW, Rm 3132
Washington DC 20202-2524
V/TTY (202) 205-8241
V/TTY (202) 205-8723

- a summary of benefits and services available to individuals with disabilities.

Polio Network News
International Polio Network
4207 Lindell Blvd, #110
St Louis MO 63108-2915
(314) 534-0475
FAX (314) 534-5070
E-mail: gini_intl@msn.com

- offers an international quarterly newsletter for polio survivors, health professionals and resource centers to exchange information, encourage research and promote networking among the post-polio community.

SC Autism Society Newsletter
SC Autism Society
3120 Beltline Blvd, Ste 102
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 254-7400
FAX (803) 254-7400 (Call first)

- published quarterly; subscriptions free to SCAS members.

SC Services for Children, Adolescents and Their Families
Mental Health Association in SC
1832 Gadsden St
Columbia SC 29201
1-800-375-9894
FAX (803) 779-0017

- a guide to mental health and related services for and by parents, professionals and advocates.

Special Edition
SC Special Olympics
295 Greystone Blvd
PO Box 210099
Columbia SC 29221-0099
(803) 254-7774
1-800-765-7276
FAX (803) 254-7668
E-mail: Internet:102021.547@Compuserve.com

- published for families, friends and sponsors of Special Olympics' athletes; subscriptions free.

The Advocate
Autism Society of America
7910 Woodmont Ave, Ste 650
Bethesda MD 20814
(301) 657-0881
1-800-3AUTISM
FAX (301) 657-0869
Home page: http://www.autism-society.org/

- published bimonthly by the Autism Society of America, includes information from professionals and parents as well as research information and support.

The Advocate
Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities Inc. (P&A)
3710 Landmark Dr, Ste 208
Columbia SC 29204
V/TTY (803) 782-0639
V/TTY 1-800-922-5225
FAX (803) 790-1946

- published annually by P&A; copies are free; P&A also offers fact sheets, brochures and other materials about advocacy for people with disabilities.

The Arc Newsletter
The Arc of the Midlar 1s
Advocates for the Rights of Citizens with Disabilities
500 Rivermont Dr
Columbia SC 29210
(803) 779-3610
FAX (803) 252-5981

- provides information about advocacy, legislation and services to educators, service providers, people with disabilities and their families.

The Arc Today
The Arc of the United States
500 E Border St, Ste 300
Arlington TX 76010
(817) 261-6003
TTY (817) 277-0553
FAX (817) 277-3491
E-mail: thearc@metronet.com
Home page: http://The Arc.org/welcome.html

- provides news and information about mental retardation and the work of The Arc.

The Deaf-Blind Link
Deaf-Blind Perspectives
345 N Monmouth Ave
Monmouth OR 97361
1-800-438-9376
V/TTY 1-800-854-7013

- provides information to people who are deaf or blind and their families.

Title I Regulations
US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
1801 L St NW
Washington DC 20507
1-800 669-4000
TTY 1-800-669-6820

- explains Title I provisions of ADA prohibiting discrimination in employment against qualified individuals with disabilities.

Title II* and *Title III Regulations
US Department of Justice
Disability Rights Section/Civil Rights Division
PO Box 66738
Washington DC 20035-6738
1-800-514-0301 (voice)
TTY 1-800-514-0383
FAX (202) 307-0305
Home page: http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm

- provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability in state and local government services (Title II), and in public accommodations and commercial facilities (Title III).

Toy Guide for Differently-Abled Kids
Toys 'R' Us
PO Box 8501
Nevada IA 50201-9968

- informative toy guide designed with the specific abilities and needs of differently-abled children in mind. Guide lists extensively tested toys that are identified with skill building symbols, including dolls, sporting goods, arts and crafts and games.

Washington Watch
United Cerebral Palsy Association Inc.
Community Services Division
1660 L Street NW, Ste 700
Washington DC 20036
1-800-USA-5UCP (872-5827)

- weekly update on federal legislation affecting people with disabilities.

The SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs offers the following publications for people with disabilities and their families:

1990-1995: Five Years of Progress
SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Office of Community Education
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-6477
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
1-888-DSN-INFO
FAX (803) 737-6323
E-mail: ddsn@ddsn.state.sc.us
Home page: http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/

- provides an overview of the agency's progress, including disability prevention activities, enhanced family support systems, improved services, the development of local support organizations, availability of financial resources and recent legislation.

Child Care and Development Block Grant Facts
SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Office of Community Education
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-6477
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
1-888-DSN-INFO
FAX (803) 737-6323
E-mail: ddsn@ddsn.state.sc.us
Home page: http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/

- general information and eligibility criteria for the Child Care and Development Block Grant program.

Choosing a Caregiver

SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Office of Community Education
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-6477
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
1-888-DSN-INFO
FAX (803) 737-6323
E-mail: ddsn@ddsn.state.sc.us
Home page: http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/

- offers individuals and families tips on interviewing prospective caregivers and ways to help the caregiver become familiar with the family.

Claims and Coverage

SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Office of Community Education
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-6477
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
1-888-DSN-INFO
FAX (803) 737-6323
E-mail: ddsn@ddsn.state.sc.us
Home page: http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/

- brochure about health insurance for families of people with mental retardation.

Consumer/Family Organization Manual

SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Office of Community Education
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-6477
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
1-888-DSN-INFO
FAX (803) 737-6323
E-mail: ddsn@ddsn.state.sc.us
Home page: http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/

- guide to assist with the role, functions, development and organization of local consumer/family organizations.

Family Matters
SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Office of Community Education
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-6477
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
1-888-DSN-INFO
FAX (803) 737-6323
E-mail: ddsn@ddsn.state.sc.us
Home page: http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/

- guide for brothers and sisters of people with disabilities and special needs that provides suggestions for helping them face unique concerns and challenges.

Head Injury: A Family Guide
SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Office of Community Education
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-6477
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
1-888-DSN-INFO
FAX (803) 737-6323
E-mail: ddsn@ddsn.state.sc.us
Home page: http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/

- helps families adjust to living with a family member who has survived a brain injury. In addition to addressing relevant legal, social and vocational issues, the booklet advises families how to create a new family lifestyle and how to manage emotions and behaviors of the person with a head injury.

Making Life Work After Head Injury
SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Office of Community Education
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-6477
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
1-888-DSN-INFO
FAX (803) 737-6323
E-mail: ddsn@ddsn.state.sc.us
Home page: http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/

- includes medical information about brain injuries and what may be expected during the rehabilitation process. It also offers suggestions to help a person with a brain injury become reacquainted and active with family and community.

Medicaid Program Overview

SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Office of Community Education
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-6477
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
1-888-DSN-INFO
FAX (803) 737-6323
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Home page: http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/

- provides general information about the Medicaid program which provides medical care for people with low income.

Publications Catalog

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Home page: http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/

- list of brochures, manuals, standards and other training materials published by DDSN.

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Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-6477
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
1-888-DSN-INFO
FAX (803) 737-6323
E-mail: ddsn@ddsn.state.sc.us
Home page: http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/

- special support packet of printed materials for families of newborns with Down syndrome.

Tax Bulletin for Families of People with Disabilities and Special Needs
SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Office of Community Education
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-6477
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
1-888-DSN-INFO
FAX (803) 737-6323
E-mail: ddsn@ddsn.state.sc.us
Home page: http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/

- general information about deductions and credits available to families of people with disabilities and special needs when filing state and federal taxes.

Working with Families Who Have Special Needs: A Guide for Professionals
SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Office of Community Education
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-6477
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
1-888-DSN-INFO
FAX (803) 737-6323
E-mail: ddsn@ddsn.state.sc.us
Home page: http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/

- a guide to help professionals work more effectively with families of children with special needs. The guide outlines DDSN professional principles and philosophy, and includes responsibilities for providing family-centered services.

Working with Professionals: A Guide for Families with Special Needs
SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Office of Community Education
PO Box 4706
Columbia SC 29240
(803) 737-6477
V/TTY (803) 737-6474
1-888-DSN-INFO
FAX (803) 737-6323
E-mail: ddsn@ddsn.state.sc.us
Home page: http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/

- assists families in working more effectively with professionals who provide services for children with developmental disabilities.

Foundations and Fund-raising Organizations

Funding comes from state, federal and local governments; community and private contributions; family members; and people who receive services and supports.

State funds must provide initial funding support. Then, federal and local funding is calculated and provided in accordance with the amount of state funding allowed.

The commission recognizes that state revenue growth is limited. DDSN makes every effort to meet the needs of the greatest number of people possible by providing prevention, intervention and family support services and by avoiding expensive and inappropriate out-of-home placements whenever possible.

DDSN is aggressive in pursuing all funds and identifying all other resources of funding to meet the growing demand for services.

The commission encourages local DSN boards to develop nonprofit affiliations, foundations and organizations of volunteers, consumers and families to raise funds and provide services that exceed minimum standards and improve quality of life.

For more information, contact the SC Mental Retardation Foundation or the appropriate DSN board or fund-raising organization:

Babcock Center Foundation
PO Box 3817
Columbia SC 29230
(803) 359-9717
- serves a vital role in both present and future financial capabilities of Babcock Center to address growing community service needs; funds from the foundation meet individuals' needs when no other source of funding is available.

Cicenia Foundation
Coastal Regional Center
Jamison Rd
Ladson SC 29456
(803)873-5750
- raises funds to provide for Coastal Regional Center residents' needs.

Clarendon County Mental Retardation Foundation
PO Drawer 40
Manning SC 29201
(803) 435-2330
FAX (803) 435-8523
- provides support to individuals with disabilities in Clarendon County.

Coastal Center Chapel Inc.
Coastal Regional Center
Jamison Rd
Ladson SC 29456
(803) 873-5750
- raises funds to build a chapel for people with disabilities served by Coastal Regional Center.

Emerald Center Foundation
PO Box 3004
Greenwood SC 29648
(864) 942-4902
FAX (864) 942-8945
- raises funds to meet special needs of people served by Emerald Center, a division of Emerald Center Multi-County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs.

Florence County Disabilities Foundation
101 W Main St
Lake City SC 29560
(803) 394-2641
(803) 662-4021
1-800-428-5258
FAX (803) 394-2754
- raises funds and manages property to benefit children and adults with disabilities in Florence County.

Greenville Mental Retardation Foundation
PO Box 17467
Greenville SC 29606
(864) 288-1907
FAX (864) 297-4990
- raises funds to meet special needs of people with disabilities in Greenville County.

Hope Foundation Inc.
PO Box 31729
Charleston SC 29417-1729
(803) 766-2918
- a nonprofit fund-raising organization that supports the mission, goals and purpose of the DSN Board of Charleston County.

Midlands Center Family Council
Social Services Division
8301 Farrow Rd
Columbia SC 29203-3294
(803) 935-7500
- raises funds to meet the needs of people with disabilities served by Midlands Regional Center.

Orangeburg Area Resource Center Foundation Inc.
PO Box 1812
Orangeburg SC 29116-1812
(803) 536-1170
FAX (803) 531-8317
- provides funds to enhance the quality of life of Orangeburg citizens with disabilities and special needs.

Parents and Guardians Association
Coastal Regional Center
Jamison Rd
Ladson SC 29456
(803) 821-5809
- a nonprofit organization that advocates for all people with disabilities.

Pee Dee Center Parent Council
PO Box 3209
Florence SC 29502-3209
V/TTY (803) 664-2600
FAX (803) 664-2656
- advocates for and raises funds to benefit people with disabilities who are served by Pee Dee Center.

Pee Dee Center Volunteer Service Board
PO Box 3209
Florence SC 29502-3209
V/TTY (803) 664-2600
FAX (803) 664-2656
- provides fund-raising and community education activities to benefit people with disabilities who are served by Pee Dee Center.

SC Mental Retardation Foundation
PO Box 4346
Columbia SC 29240
- a private organization that administers special projects in community education, parent education, staff development and prevention. The SC Mental Retardation Foundation also sponsors training programs while promoting public awareness and acceptance of people.

The Charles Lea Center Foundation Inc.
195 Burdette St
Spartanburg SC 29302
(864) 585-0322
- raises funds to support the programs and activities of The Charles Lea Center.

United Way of SC
2711 Middleburg Dr, Ste 3070
Columbia SC 29204
(803) 252-9101
FAX (803) 256-8347
- assists local United Way organizations in planning, fund-raising allocations and government relations. Local United Way agencies provide human services and meet community needs, including assistance to local programs for people with disabilities.

Waccamaw Regional Foundation for Disabilities and Special Needs
250 Victory Ln
Conway SC 29526
(803) 347-3010
- raises funds to meet the needs of people served by the Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Whitten Center Foundation
PO Box 3567
Greenville SC 29608
- supports programs that promote independence, opportunity and quality of life for individuals with disabilities served by Whitten Center.

Whitten Center Parents Club
2207 Rush St
Anderson SC 29621
(864) 224-1357

- a nonprofit organization that advocates for people with disabilities and fosters a cooperative relationship among staff, families and people living at Whitten Center.

Professional Organizations

Organizations are available to assist professionals who serve people with disabilities and special needs and their families. These organizations include:

American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine
6300 N River Rd, Ste 727
Rosemont IL 60018-4226
(847) 698-1635
FAX (847) 823-0536
- provides updates, journals and information to medical professionals; sponsors an annual meeting to provide medical professionals with the latest scientific information.

American Association on Mental Retardation
444 N Capitol St NW, Ste 46
Washington DC 20001
1-800-424-3688
FAX (202) 387-2193
E-mail: AAMR@ACCESS.DIGEX.NET
Home page: http://www.aamr.org
- sponsors an annual training institute; offers affiliate memberships for non-professionals. Regular members are professionals involved in service, training and research for people with mental retardation.

American Association on Mental Retardation (AAMR) SC Chapter
Babcock Center Inc.
PO Box 3817
Columbia SC 29230
(803) 359-9717
FAX (803) 359-1312
- association for professionals involved in service, training and research for people with mental retardation.

American Occupational Therapy Association
4720 Montgomery Ave
PO Box 31220
Bethesda MD 20824-1220
(301) 652-2682
1-800-SAY-AOTA
TTY 1-800-377-8555
FAX (301) 652-7711
- member organization for occupational therapists; advocates for laws and policies for occupational therapists.

American Physical Therapy Association
1111 N Fairfax St
Alexandria VA 22314
(703) 684-2782
Home page: http://www.APTA.ORG
- membership offers career information, insurance and program information to professionals.

Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)
PO Box 21192
Columbus OH 43221-0192
V/TTY (614) 488-4972
FAX (614) 488-1174
E-mail: ahead@postbox.acs.ohio-state.edu
- international, multicultural organization of professionals promoting higher education for persons with disabilities.

Council for Exceptional Children
1920 Association Dr
Reston VA 22091-1589
V/TTY (703) 620-3660
- for educators of children with disabilities who promote quality education and act as advocates.

Indiana Resource Center for Autism
Institute for the Study of Developmental Disabilities, Indiana University
2853 E 10th St
Bloomington IN 47408-2601
(812) 855-6508
TTY (812) 855-9396
FAX (812) 855-9630
E-mail: Pratt@isdd.isdd.indiana.edu
Home page: http://www.isdd.indiana.edu/~irca
- disseminates information internationally, conducts research, and provides training for professionals and family members nationwide.

National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services
113 Oronoco St
Alexandria VA 22314
(703) 683-4202
FAX (703) 684-1395
- organization for professionals in the field of mental retardation.

National Association of State Directors of Special Education
1800 Diagonal Rd, #320
Alexandria VA 22314
(703) 519-3800
TTY (703) 519-7008
FAX (703) 519-3808
E-mail: NASDSE@nasdse.org
Home page: http://www.lrp.com/lrpnet/jwnasdse.htm
- promotes and supports educational programs for students with disabilities.

National Education Association Human and Civil Rights Equal Access Program
1201 16th St NW
Washington DC 20036
(202) 833-4000
(202) 822-7700
FAX (202) 822-7578
Home page: http://www.nea.org
- membership association for teachers and education support personnel; provides legal services, publications and legislative advocacy to members.

National Epilepsy Library
4351 Garden City Dr
Landover MD 20785-2267
1-800-332-4050
E-mail: postmaster@efa.org.
Home page: http://www.efa.org
- provides detailed information on epilepsy to physicians, allied health professionals and researchers.

NISH
2235 Cedar Ln
Vienna VA 22182-5200
(703) 560-6800
TTY (703) 560-6512
FAX (703) 849-8916
E-mail: /schulte@nish.org
Home page: http://www.nish.org
- serves community rehabilitation programs for people with severe disabilities.

SC Association of Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
SC Commission for the Blind
1430 Confederate Ave
Columbia SC 29201
(803) 734-7566
1-800-922-2222
- members are a multidisciplinary group of professionals who promote full participation in education and improved access to employment opportunities for people with visual impairments.

SC Council for Exceptional Children
237 Rushing Wind Dr
Irmo SC 29063
(803) 749-0412
- for educators of children with disabilities who promote quality education and act as advocates.

SC Speech and Hearing Association
3008 Millwood Ave
Columbia SC 29205
(803) 252-5646
1-800-445-8629
FAX (803) 765-0860
- professional organization for speech/language pathologists, audiologists and professionals in speech/language and hearing sciences.

WE MOVE: Worldwide Education and Awareness for Movement Disorders
Mount Sinai Medical Center
One Gustave L Levy Pl
PO Box 1052
New York NY 10029
(212) 241-8567
1-800-437-MOV2 (6682)
FAX (212) 987-7363
Home page: http://www.mssm.edu/neurology/html/wemove.html

- educational program for health care professionals to promote awareness of movement disorders.

Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center
710 W 168th St, Box 33
New York NY 10032
(212) 305-1580
1-800-437-MOV2 (6682)

- educational program for health care professionals to promote awareness of movement disorders.

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